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NOTE 1.—By an error of long standing, the Annual Assemblies have been numbered incorrectly—this, appearing in print as the SIXTY-EIGHTH Annual Assembly.

It should read, "THE SEVENTY-THIRD Annual Assembly of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island," in accordance with the facts.

NOTE 2.—The death of Past M. E. Grand Master Charles H. Titus occurring immediately before the Annual Assembly, the R. E. Grand Commander paused in his Address to make a verbal allusion to the fact, and on this the Committee reported as on page 61.

GRAND RECORDER.

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OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

FOR THE YEAR 1878.

SEMI-ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

MAY 29TH, 1878.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was held in Masonic Temple, in the City of Boston, May 29, A. D. 1878, A. O. 760.

Grand Officers Present.

Sir JOHN DEAN.....R. E Grand Commander.
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH.....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir CALEB SAUNDERS..... ...E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir REV. THOMAS E. ST. JOHN.....E. Grand Prelate.
Sir SAMUEL MASON, Jr.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.....E. Grand Recorder.
Sir WILLIAM D. POOL.....E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir MARVIN S. FELLOWS.....E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir GARDNER T. SANFORD.....E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN.....
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT..... } Grand Lecturers.
Sir CHARLES M. AVERY.....
Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE.....Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum was opened at ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M., for the dispatch of business.

The Sir Knights united in their devotions with the E. Grand Prelate, Rev. Sir T. E. St. John.

Permanent Members Present, being Past Grand Officers.

R. E. Sir WILLIAM W. BAKER,
E. Sir S. C. LAWRENCE,
E. Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE,
E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING,
E. Sir GEORGE E. STACEY.

Past Eminent Commanders not elsewhere represented.

E. Sir LUCIUS R. PAGE, D. D.,
E. Sir OLIVER JOHNSON,
E. Sir ALBERT CUSHMAN,
E. Sir CHARLES C. DAME,
E. Sir WILLIAM SAYWARD,
E. Sir TRACY P. CHEEVER,
E. Sir CHARLES T. GAY,
E. Sir JOHN C. HALL,
E. Sir SULLIVAN C. SUMNER,
E. Sir SILAS W. HALL,
E. Sir CHARLES A. WELCH,
E. Sir JOHN KENT,
E. Sir E. J. NIGHTINGALE,
E. Sir THOMAS PHILLIPS, Jr.,
E. Sir NATHAN S. KIMBALL,
E. Sir STEPHEN S. BRADFORD,
E. Sir GARDNER T. SANFORD,
E. Sir JOHN HAIGH,
E. Sir J. D. PARKER,
E. Sir S. B. HARRINGTON,
E. Sir CHARLES H. WHITE,
E. Sir E. H. BRAINARD,
E. Sir BENJAMIN POPE,
E. Sir JOHN B. WHITTAKER,
E. Sir GEORGE MOULTON,
E. Sir Z. L. BICKNELL,
E. Sir G. W. FAY,
E. Sir J. H. PARKER,
E. Sir WILLIAM PATTERSON,
E. Sir J. M. GREENWOOD,
E. Sir V. O. TAYLOR,
E. Sir C. L. SAWYER,
E. Sir GAMALIEL HODGES.

Represented by Proxy.

Sir C. C. HUTCHINSON, E. C. of Pilgrim, by Sir V. O. TAYLOR.

The records having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

The R. E. Grand Commander then made the following

ADDRESS.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

BOSTON, May 29, 1878.

Sir Knights:

I congratulate you that so many of us are permitted to meet in Semi-Annual Assembly. The Master has dealt kindly by us. I am not informed of the death of any member of this Grand Commandery since last we met.

We have not always been thus exempt. Memory brings to mind the associations of these gatherings in the past—the dignified and cheerful bearing of those who graced these occasions with their presence, and whom we learned to esteem and love. The asterisk significantly marks the annals of this Grand Body, and we meet to-day, with not unmixed emotions in our fraternal greetings, to render thanksgiving for the past, to rejoice in the present, and to magnify with hope the future.

In accordance with General Order No. 4, from the M. E. the Grand Master of the United States, I have caused our Grand Asylum to be draped with the emblems of mourning, in respect to the memory of our Ill.: Brother, the R. E. Orrin Welch.

General Order No. 4 is as follows:

1877. GENERAL ORDER No. 4. 1880.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE M.·. E.·., THE GRAND MASTER, SENDS GREETING:

To the R.·. E.·. Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

MEMORIA IN AETERNA.

It is with profound regret that we are called upon to announce the death of our beloved associate, R.·. E.·. ORRIN WELCH, Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and our immediate official Representative in the States of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

The sad event occurred Thursday evening, March 21st, at his home in the city of Syracuse, New York.

Our late official associate, Sir Knight ORRIN WELCH, was a Christian gentleman and upright citizen, a distinguished Freemason, and an eminent and chivalrous Knight Templar. These high attributes won for him, while living, the esteem and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, and will plant a living monument in the hearts of all who enjoyed the rare privilege of companionship with him. "*Nihil quod tetigit non ornavit.*"

Therefore, it is hereby ordered, That upon receipt hereof, as a token of respect for the deceased, your Banners or Stations in your Asylum be suitably draped with Emblems of Mourning, and so remain until the close of the next Annual Conclave of your Grand Commandery, and that the Right Eminent, the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, make such further orders in the premises as to him may seem proper.

It is further ordered, That this Communication be read in your Grand Commandery at its next Conclave, and the same be spread at length upon the records thereof.

Given under my hand and seal of our Grand Encampment,
[SEAL.] at the city of Chicago, State of Illinois, this 25th day of March, A. D. 1878, A.·. O.·. 760.

VINCENT L. HURLBUT,
Grand Master.

Attest:
T. S. PARVIN,
Grand Recorder.

The last time I had the pleasure to meet Bro. Welch, was at the Annual Session of the Supreme Council held in Boston, September 18th, 1877, at which time he appeared to be in his usual health, and manifested his usual zeal.

Sir Knight Welch was a very widely known and distinguished member of the craft. Extended obituary notices of the deceased have appeared in the New York Dispatch, and, in briefer form, in our local Masonic Magazines.

He was born in 1828, and died March 21, 1878, aged fifty years.

He was made a Mason in 1850, since which time he has passed through all the grades of Masonry, having occupied the following honorable positions:

He was a charter member and Master of Central City Lodge for several years; High Priest of the Chapter, and, for sixteen

years, E. C. of the Commandery of Syracuse. He was Past D. D. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge; Past Grand Commander of Knights Templars in New York, and was, at the time of his death, Very Eminent Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

In the Ancient Accepted Rite he was a Grand Inspector General, 33°, and, for many years past, an active member, and Deputy for the State of New York. He was, also, the author of a system of tactics and drill for Knights Templars.

The R. E. Sir was much beloved in social life, and, in civic matters, had received from his fellow citizens many proofs of their respect and confidence. His life was crowned with honors, and, measured by these, and not by years, extended to a ripe old age.

The following General Order No. 5 has been issued by the M. E. Grand Master:

1877. GENERAL ORDER No. 5. 1880.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

SIR KNIGHT VINCENT L. HURLBUT, M.·. E.·. GRAND MASTER,

To all our Grand Officers,
To the Grand Commanders of our Constituent Grand Commanderies,
To the Commanders of Commanderies holding Charters immediately from our Grand Encampment, and
To all True and Courteous Sir Knights—Greeting:

WHEREAS, The Supreme Disposer of Events has removed from all earthly work our V.·. E.·. Sir Knight ORRIN WELCH, Grand Warder of our Grand Encampment;

AND, WHEREAS, The M.·. E.·. Grand Master, confiding in the fidelity, discretion, and knightly valor of Sir Knight GETER C. SHIDLE, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, has constituted and appointed him, the said GETER C. SHIDLE, Grand Warder, to fill the vacancy aforesaid, who has fully qualified in said office:

These are, therefore, to notify you, and each of you, of said appointment, and that to the officer thus constituted and appointed you extend due honor in his official appointment.

Done at Chicago, Illinois, this twentieth day of April, A. D. 1878, A.·. O.·. 760.

BY THE GRAND MASTER.

Attest my hand and the seal of our Grand Encampment,
[SEAL.] at Iowa City, this twentieth day of April, A. D. 1878, A.·. O.·. 760.

T. S. PARVIN,
Grand Recorder.

I will now submit a report of my official acts, pursuant to the trust reposed in me as Grand Commander, since the Annual Assembly in October last, together with some recommendations for your consideration and judgment.

In conformity with my duty under the Constitutional requirement, I issued General Order No. 1, assigning the Commanderies of the jurisdiction, for official visitation and inspection, as follows:

First. To the R. E. Sir John Dean, Grand Commander: Washington, Springfield, De Molay, Olivet, and Connecticut Valley.

Second. To the V. E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Deputy Grand Commander: Worcester County, Pilgrim, Milford, St. Bernard, Jerusalem, Hugh de Payens, St. Omer, and Narragansett.

Third. To the E. Sir William H. Kent, Grand Generalissimo: Boston, Holy Sepulchre, Calvary, Bethany, Joseph Warren, William Parkman, Trinity, and Gethsemane.

Fourth. To the E. Sir Caleb Saunders, Grand Captain General: Newburyport, Haverhill, Winslow Lewis, South Shore, Natick, Cœur de Lion, Bay State, and Cyprus.

Fifth. To the E. Sir E. L. Freeman, Grand Lecturer: St. John's, Palestine, Old Colony, and Woonsocket.

Sixth. To the E. Sir E. Dana Bancroft, Grand Lecturer: Athol, Sutton, and Godfrey de Bouillon.

Seventh. To the E. Sir Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer: Berkshire, Northampton, and Bristol.

I present, also, the following General Order No. 1, issued by the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, dividing the General Jurisdiction into twelve Representative Districts:

1877. GENERAL ORDER NO. 1. 1880.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

SIR KNIGHT VINCENT LUMBARD HURLBUT, M.·. E.·. GRAND MASTER.

To all the Grand Commanderies, and the Commanderies holding their Charters immediately from our Grand Encampment—Greeting:

In order to secure a more active relation between the Grand Encampment and its Constituent Grand and Subordinate Commanderies, I have divided the General Jurisdiction into twelve Districts, and appointed the following Eminent Sir Knights my Representatives to visit the Grand Commanderies, and the Subordinate Commanderies under our immediate jurisdiction, in their respective Districts, and report to me:

COMMISSIONS OF APPOINTMENT have been issued by my order from the office of our R. E. Grand Recorder, to the Sir Knights named below:

FIRST DISTRICT.—*The New England States.*—Sir Knight Benjamin Dean, Boston, Mass., Representative.

SECOND DISTRICT.—*New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.*—Sir Knight Orrin Welch, Syracuse, N. Y., Representative.

THIRD DISTRICT.—*Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia, and Delaware.*—Sir Knight Robert E. Withers, Alexandria, Va., Representative.

FOURTH DISTRICT.—*North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.*—Sir Knight William J. Pollard, Augusta, Ga., Representative.

FIFTH DISTRICT.—*Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi.*—Sir Knight Walter L. Bragg, Mobile, Alabama, Representative.

SIXTH DISTRICT.—*Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas.*—Sir Knight Benjamin B. Richardson, Galveston, Texas, Representative.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.—*Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky.*—Sir Knight LaFayette Lytle, Toledo, Ohio, Representative.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.—*Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin.*—Sir Knight Vincent L. Hurlbut, G.·. M.·., Chicago, Illinois.

NINTH DISTRICT.—*Missouri, Kansas, and Colorado.*—Sir Knight Thomas L. Anderson, Topeka, Kansas, Representative.

TENTH DISTRICT.—*Iowa and Nebraska.*—Sir Knight Theodore S. Parvin, Iowa City, Iowa, Representative.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.—*Minnesota and Dakota.*—Sir Knight John W. Woodhull, Milwaukee, Wis., Representative.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.—*California and Oregon.*—Sir Knight Hiram Graves, San Francisco, Cal., Representative.

Done at Chicago, Illinois, this 11th day of September, A. D. 1877, A. O. 759, by the M.·. E.·. Grand Master.

[SEAL.] Attest my hand and the seal of our Grand Encampment, at Iowa City, Iowa, this 10th day of October, A. D. 1877.

THEODORE S. PARVIN,
Grand Recorder.

INSTALLATIONS.

November 15, 1877, in the presence of a numerous assembly of Sir Knights, their wives, and lady friends, I installed, assisted by the E. Grand Recorder, the officers of Worcester County Commandery.

At the same time the following elected and appointed Grand Officers, whose absence at the time of the installation of officers in October I excused, were present by my request, and were severally installed into their respective offices:

Sir REV. THOMAS E. ST. JOHN.....E. Grand Prelate;
Sir WILLIAM D. POOL.....E. Grand Sword Bearer;
Sir MARVIN S. FELLOWS.....E. Grand Standard Bearer.

E. Sir Gardner T. Sanford, appointed to the office of Captain of Guards, being unable, from illness, to attend on this occasion, I issued a commission, November 20, 1877, appointing E. Sir Abraham H. Howland, Jr., Past E. C. of Sutton Commandery, a special deputy to install Sir Gardner T. Sanford into the office aforesaid at the first convenient Regular Assembly of Sutton Commandery.

Sir A. H. Howland made due return under said commission that on December 6th, 1877, he duly installed E. Sir Gardner T. Sanford Grand Captain of Guards.

In the evening of December 3d, 1877, accompanied by Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Recorder, I visited Springfield to install publicly the officers of Springfield Commandery.

Dr. William J. Sawin, the E. C. elect, with polite consid-

eration for his guests, lingered at the supper table till the time had arrived for a business session of the Commandery, which was called a half hour prior to the time fixed for the public ceremonies of the evening.

Excusing himself, he hastened to the apartments of the Commandery. On entering the Asylum he assumed his station, and, while in the act of putting on his gloves, without any previous exhibition of distress, suddenly expired.

This tragic event put an end to the proceedings of the evening, and the assembly separated awe-stricken and silent.

How amazing the change! how solemn the warning! Elate with life, ardent, expectant,—and in a moment, dead! Surrounded by Sir Knights, within the guarded walls of the Asylum,—and yet defenceless!

Prone as we are to look forward to a gradual decay of our natural force, we should draw from this visitation a salutary lesson. Truly, "in such an hour as we think not, the Son of Man cometh."

Doctor Sawin was a much esteemed citizen of Chicopee Falls, and stood high in his profession. In the various grades of Masonry through which he had passed, he held important offices. His ability and zeal designated him for the high position which the Commandery had chosen him to fill.

DISPENSATIONS.

In three instances I have granted Dispensations allowing the officers elect of the respective Commanderies to be installed publicly, with such display of Templar costume as in their discretion might seem meet.

October 27th, I granted a Dispensation to Jerusalem Commandery to elect an Eminent Commander, and to fill all vacancies existing in other offices at the time of said election—the election to be had November 15th, 1877. In this case the officers elect had not been installed, and the E. Commander *elect* declined to accept the position because he was about to remove beyond the jurisdiction.

December 10, 1877, I gave permission to Narragansett Commandery to receive and act upon the petition of Rev. Hugh O.

Pentecost for the Orders, at their stated meeting,—all the members to be duly notified.

December 15, 1877, on request, I granted Springfield Commandery a Dispensation to hold a Special Assembly to elect an Eminent Commander; to fill, by election, any offices that might become vacant by the resignation (or otherwise) of any of the officers elect; and to transact any business of the Regular Assembly left unfinished on account of the painful event of December 3d.

January 1st, I received the following communication:

WESTERLY, R. I., Dec. 31st, 1877.

R. E. Sir John Dean, Grand Commander Knights Templars of Mass. and R. I.

DEAR SIR:—A disastrous fire last night completely destroyed the whole paraphernalia of our Commandery, together with our charter and nearly all the uniforms of the Sir Knights.

We now ask for permission to hold meetings, and transact business, including our election, until such time as our charter can be replaced by the Grand Commandery.

Courteously yours,

R. F. LATIMER,

E. C. of Narragansett Commandery.

I responded to the above as follows:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,

WORCESTER, Mass., January 2d, 1878.

R. F. Latimer, Esq., E. C. of Narragansett Commandery, Westerly, R. I.

EMINENT SIR:—I am in receipt of your communication informing me of the loss by fire of the whole paraphernalia of your Commandery, together with your charter. I assure you I deeply sympathize with you and all the members of your Commandery. But your loss is not irreparable. Knightly courage and constancy will supply every such loss.

It has not fallen upon weak and timorous souls. I know it will not discourage you, nor retard your prosperity.

I gladly give you the Dispensation you ask. You are therefore hereby authorized to convene your Commandery in such convenient places within the town of Westerly as you may choose; and your Commandery is hereby authorized to do and transact all such business as it was authorized to do and transact under its charter, until a new charter be issued in place of the one destroyed.

Praying for your Commandery a renewal of zeal and devotion to the principles of our Noble Orders, in the midst of your temporal misfortunes, I am

Yours in the bonds of Knighthood,

JOHN DEAN,

Grand Commander.

January 21, 1878, I authorized by Dispensation Sir R. F. Latimer, E. C. of Narragansett Commandery, to accept the kind invitation of Calvary Commandery of Providence to use their Asylum and paraphernalia, and to convene Narragansett Commandery in Special Assembly in the Asylum of Calvary Commandery in the City of Providence, at such early time as might be convenient, and to there confer the Order of the Temple on the three candidates awaiting it.

In this connection I would state, that, as the Sir Knights of Narragansett Commandery have lost their charter, and believing that I should be only anticipating your wishes, I directed the Grand Recorder to have executed a new charter as nearly as possible like the one destroyed.

My reason for this course was to anticipate, by some degree of time, the possible contingency of death and the loss of some of the original signatures.

I would recommend the issuance of such charter at this time in place of the one destroyed; and as an expression of our interest in their welfare I recommend, in this case, the remission of the usual fees.

The foregoing casualty suggests the propriety of all the subordinate Commanderies transmitting to the Grand Recorder copies of their charters for preservation.

March 8, 1878, I granted a Dispensation to Haverhill Commandery to elect a Recorder and fill vacancies in the board of officers below the Council.

April 6, 1878, I granted a Dispensation to Bay State Com-

mandery to parade publicly, in Templar costume, as an escort to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on the occasion of the constituting of a Lodge at Campello, Brockton, Mass.

My consent was asked to the formation of an association—within a Commandery, and under its sanction—for improvement in Templar drill.

Such a body—an association within an association or Commandery—suggested to my mind very objectionable features.

I therefore withheld my consent.

A Dispensation was requested by a Commandery to serve as an escort to a procession in a "Carnival of Authors" at an annual fair of a society for the relief of aged females. This request I felt called upon to refuse, the occasion not being of a Masonic or Templar character, but purely for public display.

CORRESPONDENCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

The correspondence incident to the office of Grand Commander embraces many questions regarding which we might expect the officers of subordinate Commanderies to be informed. In view, however, of the limited means of information accessible to them, this should not be a matter of surprise. It is true there are the published proceedings, embracing the decisions of this Grand Body, and, in the year 1876, the Digest of Templar Law was bound with our proceedings. It must, however, be borne in mind that these publications are retained by the retiring officers.

I recommend the printing of an additional number of copies of our proceedings this year, embracing the Grand Constitution, Code of Statutes, and Digest of Templar Law,—one copy to be supplied to each subordinate Commandery, and to be retained by such Commandery for consultation; or that the Constitution, Code of Statutes, and Digest of Templar Law be bound in a separate volume for the said purpose.

The Constitution, Statutes, and Digest may be obtained at a reasonable cost, in the desired number of copies, in sheets, ready for binding with our proceedings, on application to William G. Johnston & Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa., the publishers of the same for the Grand Encampment.

I would also recommend the appointment, at this time, of a special Committee to report, at the Annual Assembly in October next, such amendments to the Constitution of this Body as shall appear necessary to make it in harmony with the Constitution, Code of Statutes, and Digest of Templar Law of the Grand Encampment.

DECISIONS — JURISDICTION.

On the 9th of December, 1877, I received a communication from Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery, of Fall River, asking my decision as to whether they had jurisdiction over the towns of Bristol and Warren.

Section 4, Art. 2, of the Grand Constitution, provides as follows: "Every subordinate Commandery shall have exclusive jurisdiction in receiving applications for, and in conferring, the Orders of Knighthood, over all territory lying nearer the usual traveled routes to its place of meeting than to that of any other Commandery."

Careful examination made it evident that the said towns are within the jurisdiction of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery, and I gave my decision accordingly.

I present the following statement of distances from Warren to Providence; from Warren to Fall River; and from Bristol Ferry to Fall River and Newport,—remarking that, starting at Bristol by rail, it will be necessary to pass through Warren to go either to Providence or Fall River:

From Warren to Providence, O. C. R. R. time-table	10	miles.
" " " Fall River	9¼	"
" Bristol Ferry to Newport	11¼	"
" " " " Fall River	7	"
Time from Warren to Providence	39	minutes.
" " " " Fall River	28	"
" " " " " " 7 P. M.	25	"
Cars leave Providence	7.35	A. M.
" " Fall River	7.10	"
" " Warren for Fall River	7.00	P. M.
" " " " Providence	4.27	"

PROVIDENCE, December 22, 1877.

John Dean, Esq., Gr. Com.

R. E. SIR:—I find the distances on P. W. & B. & F. R. R. R. to be as follows:

From Providence	to	Warren	.....	10	miles.
" "	"	Bristol	.....	14¼	"
" "	"	Fall River	.....	18	"
From Warren	"	"	"	8	"
" Bristol	"	"	"	12¼	"

The distances by R. R. vary but little from those by Post Road. The relative distances between the points are about the same by boat. No boat regularly touches at Warren. I don't know but Washington Commandery might set up a good claim to Bristol, as it would be about as easy to get to Newport from Bristol as to Fall River, and the distance is very nearly the same. From Bristol Ferry to Newport by rail it is 11¼ miles. From B. F. to Fall River by boat it is, I should judge, about three-fourths as far.

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE H. BURNHAM.

REPRESENTATIVES.

The resolve of this Grand Commandery, passed October 25, 1872, authorizing the Grand Commander, in his discretion, to appoint representatives of this body near other State Grand Commanderies for the period of his term of office, was so amended May 19th, 1875, as to fix the term of their representation at three years from the date of appointment.

I have made the following appointments to fill vacancies arising under said resolution as amended. In each case I have had the pleasure of issuing a commission reappointing the late incumbent.

Sir Robert H. Waterman, of Albany, N. Y.....March 6, 1878,
For Grand Commandery of New York.

Sir Robert F. Bower, of Keokuk, Iowa.....March 6, 1878,
For Grand Commandery of Iowa.

Sir Frank J. Kugler, of Baltimore, Maryland.....March 6, 1878,
For Grand Commandery of Maryland.

Sir Henry L. Carver, of St. Paul, Minnesota.....March 6, 1878,
For Grand Commandery of Minnesota.

R. E. Sir William H. McIlhanney, of Elizabeth, N. J....March 6, 1878,
For Grand Commandery of New Jersey.

Sir Eben K. Long, of Omaha, Nebraska.....March 6, 1878,
For Grand Commandery of Nebraska.

BY-LAWS.

I received from Springfield, Woonsocket, and St. Omer Commanderies proposed amendments to their By-Laws, which were placed in the hands of the Standing Committee on By-Laws.

The committee signified their approval of the proposed changes, which, being consonant with our Templar Law, received, also, my approval, (under dates of Dec. 25, 1877, and Feb. 21 and 23, 1878.)

EXEMPLIFICATION.

At my request, St. Omer Commandery, of South Boston, has cheerfully assumed the duty of exemplifying, during the present session, the work of the Red Cross; also, of illustrating the system of Tactics and Drill approved by this Grand Body.

I deemed it important that the working of the system should be illustrated to you on this occasion, and inasmuch as the system originated in St. Omer Commandery, I regarded that Commandery as eminently the proper one to exemplify its workings.

I have now laid before you such of my official acts as appeared sufficiently important for your consideration; also some recommendations intended to promote the general good and prosperity of the Order.

I trust that the harmony and wisdom which have always attended your deliberations may prevail during the present session.

On motion of E. Sir William H. Kent, it was

Voted, That the Address be referred to appropriate committees.

The motion was adopted; and the Address was referred, as follows:

1. So much as relates to the death of M. E. Sir Orrin Welch, Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment, to E. Sirs Thomas A. Doyle, Samuel C. Lawrence and Samuel Mason, Jr.

2. So much as relates to Dispensations, Charter and Decisions, to E. Sirs Tracy P. Cheever, William H. Kent and James H. Upham.

3. So much as relates to Correspondence and Recommendations, to E. Sirs Thomas A. Doyle, E. L. Freeman and Nelson W. Aldrich.

4. The remainder to E. Sirs Thomas E. St. John, Henry Chickering and William D. Pool.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

ON PENALTIES.

BOSTON, May 29, 1878.

The committee appointed to consider the subject of delinquencies in making the annual returns on the part of subordinate Commanderies, report:

That these delinquencies have, in the past two or three years, been productive of much embarrassment and delay in closing the accounts of, and settling the demands against, this Grand Body; and they apparently occur through carelessness rather than from any show of necessity.

The consequences are so material, that some decided action is necessary to remedy the evil from which they result.

Under existing circumstances, the only proper action seems to be the enforcement of a penalty upon the delinquents, and your committee recommend the adoption of the following vote:

That hereafter any subordinate Commandery neglecting to have their annual returns and dues in the hands of the Grand Recorder on or before the 10th day of October, shall be deprived of any voice or vote in the proceedings of the Grand Commandery next succeeding the said date.

The committee venture to express the hope that this presentation of the matter may excite such attention, as to cause a cessation of the evil. If it does not, then the only remedy would seem to be the adoption of some other mode of collecting the Grand Dues than that now in practice.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) WILLIAM H. KENT,
THOS. A. DOYLE,
E. L. FREEMAN.

Voted, That the report be adopted.

ORDER OF MALTA RITUAL.

Further time was granted to the Committee on the Ritual of the Order of Malta.

REPORT ON DECISIONS.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASS. AND R. I.,

May 29, 1878.

The committee to whom was referred the decisions reported by the late R. E. Grand Commander, as having been made by him during the past year, respectfully report:

That the decisions thus reported are in conformity with a code or system of law adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and promulgated as a Code of Statutes and Digest of Templar Law.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
For the Committee.

The report was adopted.

Moved and

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to consider and report upon the Code and Digest of Templar Law, as promulgated by the Grand Encampment of the United States.

And the committee consists of E. Sirs Tracy P. Cheever, Thomas A. Doyle and Nicholas Van Slyck.

It was also

Voted, That the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island be referred to the same committee, to consider and report what amendments, if any, should be made to it.

The following amendment, proposed by E. Sir William Gilpin, in writing, was referred to the same committee:

"The Petition of one who has been rejected, may be renewed at the next stated Conclave, after such rejection."

E. Sir John Haigh was received and recognized as the Representative of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced that he had authorized a collation to be prepared under the supervision of E. Sirs Caleb Saunders and Samuel Mason, Jr., to be served at

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The lines were then formed, and the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Representatives were escorted to the Banquet Hall, where the Sir Knights were invited to partake of

REFRESHMENTS.

AT TWO O'CLOCK,

the lines were reformed, and marched to the Grand Asylum, where the dispatch of business was resumed.

On motion of E. Sir Tracy P. Cheever, it was

Voted, That a charter be issued to Narragansett Commandery, at Westerly, R. I., to replace the one destroyed by fire, and that no charge be made for the same.

The Grand Recorder stated that an exact copy of the original charter was prepared, and that all the official signatures attached to that could be had to this, as all the signers are living at this date.

E. Sir John N. Pike, for Committee on By-Laws, recommended that the code submitted by Worcester County Commandery be approved, provided they are satisfactory to the R. E. Grand Commander.

Adopted.

R. E. SIR HENRY W. RUGG.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

BOSTON, Mass., May 29th, 1878.

The undersigned, committee appointed at the annual Conclave of the R. E. Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, to pre-

pare resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Grand Body in relation to the removal of R. E. Past Grand Commander H. W. Rugg to another jurisdiction, report that they have attended to that duty, and have transmitted a copy of the preamble and resolutions to the R. E. Sir Knight, with the following letter:

R. E. Henry W. Rugg,

DEAR SIR AND R. E. SIR KNIGHT:—At the Sixty-Seventh Annual Assembly of the R. E Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders, held in the city of Boston, on Friday, October 26th, A. D. 1877, A. O. 759, the undersigned were appointed a committee to prepare and transmit to you, resolutions expressive of the feelings of that Grand Body in relation to your departure from this jurisdiction. In accordance with said vote, we transmit herewith the accompanying preamble and resolutions, and with them the assurance of our esteem, and our individual wishes for the continued prosperity of you and yours.

Yours in Knightly courtesy,

E. L. FREEMAN,
N. VAN SLYCK, } Committee.
W. H. KENT,

WHEREAS, R. E. Henry W. Rugg, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, has deemed it his duty to remove from this jurisdiction and take up his residence in the city of Halifax, N. S., therefore

Resolved, That in leaving us, he bears with him our fraternal regards and our best wishes for his happiness and success in his new sphere of labor.

Resolved, That though we shall sorely miss his genial presence and his wise counsels at our Assemblies, and his courteous companionship at our social gatherings, yet it shall be our aim to emulate the fidelity to every trust, as a friend, citizen and Knight Templar, which he has so constantly displayed in his public and private life.

Resolved, That it is our earnest hope and expectation that he will be spared, and the way made clear for him to again make his Masonic home in this jurisdiction; and meanwhile we trust that he will favor us with his presence whenever it may be convenient for him so to do, sure at all times of a hearty and fraternal welcome.

Voted, That the report be adopted.

ON REMAINDER.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The committee to whom was referred "the remainder" of the R. E. Commander's address at the Annual Assembly of this Grand Commandery in October, 1877, offer the following report:

The reports of the visiting officers represent the several subordinate Commanderies as prosperous and in a healthy condition; they have done but little work, yet the interest in Templar Masonry does not flag, and the work has borne a careful inspection.

St. Omer Commandery, so conspicuous in the perfection of its drill, is justly entitled to credit, and elicited praise from the R. E. for its work, performed after "a long march, protracted until near sunset," on the occasion of dedicating the Army and Navy Monument in Boston.

In the matter of "Dispensations," the R. E. Grand Commander says "permission was given to St. John's Commandery to transact business at a regular assembly, when the original notice of the intended action had not been given." It is necessary that notice should be given! See "Code of Statutes and Digest of Templar Law," Art. 1, Sec. 6, Page 111 of Proceedings of 1876.

The Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment appears to have passed off satisfactorily. That bone of contention, Templar Uniform, has been removed, and we trust is sleeping its last sleep.

The Templar escort on the 17th of September in Boston was most brilliant; commanders and commanded reflected honor, each upon the other, and all upon the executive officer.

The subject of "Tactics and Drill" is spoken of; and until the Work on Drill is published and promulgated, we may yet again hear of "irregular and slipshod ways."

JOHN N. PIKE,
For Committee.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,
May 29, 1878.

Adopted.

ON CORRESPONDENCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The committee to which was referred so much of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander delivered this day as relates to "Correspondence and Recommendations," make this report:

That the only matter referred, requiring action at this time, is the recommendation relating to the printing of the Code of Templar Law; and the committee present a resolution herewith which it recommends be adopted.

The committee requests that it may be discharged from the further consideration of the address.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. A. DOYLE,
NELSON W. ALDRICH, } Committee.
E. L. FREEMAN,

BOSTON, May 29, 1878.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be hereby authorized, under the advice and direction of the Committee on Printing, to print 600 copies of the Constitution and Code of Templar Law of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

EXEMPLIFICATION.

The hour for the exemplification of Work having arrived, St. Omer Commandery, of South Boston, was reported in waiting, and were at once formally received into the Grand Asylum, and the R. E. Grand Commander gave the body official welcome.

Sir Francis C. Hersey, Eminent Commander, in behalf of his Commandery, expressed his readiness to exemplify so much of the Ritual and Drill as might be required, according to the announcement previously made.

The Grand Officers vacated their respective stations, which were occupied by the officers of St. Omer Commandery, who proceeded to confer the Order of the Red Cross on Sir ——— ———, in a manner which received very general and hearty approval.

The Drill by St. Omer, as approved by the Grand Commandery, was then exemplified in a very efficient manner, and reflected much credit on the Commandery, its officers and members.

At the conclusion of which, the Commandery retired, and the Grand Officers resumed their stations.

V. E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are hereby extended to St. Omer Commandery for their careful and effective exemplification of the Work of the Order of the Red Cross, and for their very satisfactory and instructive exhibition of Templar Tactics and Drill.

The business of the Semi-Annual Assembly being concluded, the Sir Knights were called to their devotions, the Grand Asylum was closed, and the Grand Commandery adjourned.

Attest:

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

OCTOBER 30TH, 1878.

THE SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, Mass., on Friday, October 30th, A. D. 1878, A. O. 760.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum was opened in ample form at *Eleven* o'clock.

The Sir Knights united in their devotions with E. Sir Rev. Thomas E. St. John, Grand Prelate.

Grand Officers Present.

Sir JOHN DEAN.....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH.....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir CALEB SAUNDERS.....E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir Rev. THOMAS E. ST. JOHN.....E. Grand Prelate.
Sir SAMUEL MASON, JR.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM.....E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.....E. Grand Recorder.
Sir WILLIAM D. POOL.....E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir MARVIN S. FELLOWS.....E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir JAMES M. PENDLETON.....E. Grand Warder.
Sir GARDNER T. SANFORD.....E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN.....
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT.....} Grand Lecturers.
Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE.....Grand Sentinel.

Permanent Members, being Past Grand Officers.

E. Sir WILLIAM W. BAKER,
E. Sir BENJAMIN DEAN,
E. Sir HENRY W. RUGG,
E. Sir WILLIAM B. BLANDING,
E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE,
E. Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
E. Sir SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING,
E. Sir GEORGE E. STACY.

Members, being Past Eminent Commanders, not elsewhere represented.

E. Sir STILLMAN WHITE,
E. Sir ROBERT E. DWELLEY,
E. Sir CHARLES B. LANCASTER,
E. Sir HENRY A. PIERCE,
E. Sir GEORGE E. JOHNSON,
E. Sir SULLIVAN C. SUMNER,
E. Sir CHARLES A. WELCH,
E. Sir TRACY P. CHEEVER,
E. Sir EDWIN J. NIGHTINGALE,
E. Sir CHARLES R. DENNIS,
E. Sir JOHN P. LUTHER,
E. Sir CHARLES R. BRAYTON,
E. Sir NATHAN S. KIMBALL,
E. Sir ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,
E. Sir JOHN HAIGH,
E. Sir G. M. STODDARD,
E. Sir SMITH B. HARRINGTON,
E. Sir CHARLES H. WHITE,
E. Sir FRANCIS C. HERSEY,
E. Sir AZRO N. LEWIS,
E. Sir JOHN B. WHITTAKER,
E. Sir CHARLES E. GIFFORD,
E. Sir JAMES C. TUCKER,
E. Sir GEORGE MOULTON,
E. Sir CHARLES HARRIS,
E. Sir E. H. DOOLITTLE,
E. Sir JACOB SILLOWAY, JR.,
E. Sir ZACHARIAH L. BICKNELL,
E. Sir GEORGE W. FAY,
E. Sir GAMALIEL HODGES,
E. Sir HENRY C. CHAMBERLAIN.

Represented by Proxy.

E. Sir N. VAN SLYCK, Past Grand Commander.

Sir WALTER B. VINCENT, Generalissimo of St. Johns.

Sir R. JAMES TATMAN, Captain General of Worcester County.

Sir HORACE B. BLANCHARD, Captain General of Calvary.

Sir GEORGE F. TALBOT, E. C.; P. G. PILLSBURY, Generalissimo; and S. M. DECKER, Captain General of Bethany.

Sir GEORGE C. DUNHAM, Generalissimo, and CLARK F. HALL, Captain General of Berkshire.

Sir CHARLES KEITH, Generalissimo of Connecticut Valley.

Sir A. H. HARTLEY, E. C., and ALBERT F. DOW, Generalissimo of Godfrey De Bouillon.

Sir ROBERT F. LATIMER, E. C. of Narragansett.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report, which was subsequently amended, and is as follows:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

BOSTON, October 30, 1878.

The Committee on Credentials having attended to the duty assigned them, respectfully report the following members, representatives and proxies present:

Grand Officers	16
Past Grand Officers	10
Past Eminent Commanders	31
Eminent Commanders	22
Generalissimos	15
Captains-Generals	6
Proxies	13
Total voters	113

They also report the following Commanderies to be represented:

St. John's,	Haverhill,	Joseph Warren,
Boston,	Old Colony,	Narragansett,
Newburyport,	Sutton,	William Parkman,
Washington,	Bethany,	South Shore,
Worcester County,	Winslow Lewis,	Bristol,
Springfield,	Hugh de Payens,	Trinity,
De Molay,	Saint Omer,	Natick,
Holy Sepulchre,	Berkshire,	Cœur de Lion,
Pilgrim,	Woonsocket,	Olivet,
Palestine,	Connecticut Valley,	Bay State,
Milford,	Godfrey de Bouillon,	Cyprus.
Calvary,		
Total		34

Courteously submitted for the Committee,

JAMES SWORDS.

The Records of the Semi-Annual Assembly having been printed and distributed, the reading was dispensed with.

The R. E. Grand Commander stated that he had appointed as Committees,—

ON COLLATION,

to be served at recess, E. Sirs Samuel Mason, Jr., and George H. Burnham.

On Finance,

E. Sirs Samuel C. Lawrence, Charles B. Lancaster and Edward L. Freeman.

GRAND FUND.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

Of Grand Fund of Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

In conformity with the provisions of Section Eleven of Article One of the Constitution, the Trustees of the Grand Fund submit the annual report of said fund:

RECEIPTS.

On hand, as stated October, 1877		$15,527 43
Add error in last year	$100 00	
Received from interest	498 94	
One-tenth receipts of $1,905.50	190 51—	789 49
		$16,316 92

INVESTED.

Book 31,084, Provident Institution, Boston	$1,310 13
" 40,005, Five-Cent Savings, "	7,184 10
" 3,360, North-End Savings, "	2,813 19
34 shares Market Bank	3,430 50
15 " Mt. Vernon Bank	1,579 00
	$16,316 92

Fund, 1877, report	$15,527 43
" 1878	789 49
	$16,316 92

JOHN DEAN, G. C.,
WILLIAM PARKMAN, Treas.,
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Gr. Rec.

In Grand Commandery, October 30, 1878.

E. Sir W. W. Baker had been appointed by the Grand Commander a Special Committee to examine the vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, and reported that the foregoing statement is correct.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their reports, and they were referred to the Finance Committee, who subsequently reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

BOSTON, October 30, 1878.

The Committee charged with auditing the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, find the receipts of the Grand Recorder reported as follows:

Dues from Commanderies in 1877	$350 80
For Diplomas	149 00
" Certificates	6 00
" Proceedings	2 75
" Dues from Commanderies in 1878	1,335 80
	$1,844 35

In the item of Diplomas, the Grand Recorder has retained twenty-three (23) dollars to reimburse him for an error of one payment made last year, as per proceedings of 1877, page 35. With this exception, the total received has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee have examined the account of the Grand Treasurer and find it correct, with the requisite vouchers for the expenditures. A synopsis of this account is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

1877.			
Oct. 25.	Cash on hand		$979 57
1878.			
May 27.	Sale of 2 shares Atlantic Bank, " " 4 shares Boylston Bank,		665 00
Aug. 2.	" " 8 shares Michigan Central Railroad		522 00
	Diplomas		126 00
	Certificates		6 00
	Proceedings		2 75
	Dividends on Stocks		36 00
	Returns from Commanderies in 1877	$398 95	
	" " " " 1878	1,335 80—	1,734 75
			$4,072 07

DISBURSEMENTS.

1877.	Salaries	$420 65	
	Rent	10 00	
	Printing	368 61	
	Travelling expenses	138 06	
	Banquets	246 50	
	Grand Encampment capitation dues	290 15	
	Stationery	69 78	
	Grand Fund dues	190 55	
	Charity	175 00	
1878.	Paid on loan and interest	1,216 63	
		$3,125 93	
Oct. 30.	Balance on hand	946 14	
			$4,072 07

INVESTMENT.

14 shares Ogdensburg Railroad, common stock.

There is due on the Grand Treasurer's note, for cash borrowed, six hundred (600) dollars.

Your Committee recommend that the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder be paid the same salaries as heretofore.

It appears evident to your Committee that some change in the financial system of the Grand Commandery is not only desirable for the better administration of its financial affairs, but is really indispensable for its financial prosperity; yet the two hours allowed to-day for the examination of the accounts is too brief a time for the Committee to devise and present, in proper form, any improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
CHAS. B. LANCASTER,
E. L. FREEMAN.

On motion, it was

Voted, That so much of the Report as relates to salaries of Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder be adopted.

Voted, That the Report, except as already voted, be referred to a Special Committee on Finance.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, and the Appendant Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The Archives of this Grand Commandery in my keeping are in good condition, and have been increased during the year by the addition of the printed proceedings of the several Grand Commanderies, as hereinafter shown.

Since the last Annual Assembly I have collected the following sums:

For Returns due and unpaid, October, 1877.....	$350 80
" Diplomas	149 00
" Certificates.....	6 00
" Proceedings, 1803–64, one copy.....	1 50
" " other years.....	1 25
" Returns, due October 10, 1878.....	1,335 80
Total	$1,844 35

These amounts have been paid to the Grand Treasurer, for which I hold his receipts.

In the amount for Diplomas is included $23.00 overpaid to the Grand Treasurer, as shown by his receipt, and reported by me. (See page 35, printed proceedings of 1877).

The Returns of Subordinate Commanderies are epitomized in the following:

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Number.	Names of Commanderies.	Members.	Created.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Discharged.	Expelled.	Died.
1	Saint John's	335	4	2	20			2
2	Boston	542	14	7		7		10
3	Newburyport	69	3					1
4	Washington	71	7					3
5	Worcester County	229	13	4	4			8
6	Springfield	278	9	7				7
7	De Molay	322	14	1				4
8	Holy Sepulchre	195	1	2				4
9	Pilgrim	207	12	1				2
10	Palestine	194	8	5	8			4
11	Milford	141	5	1	15			
12	Saint Bernard	88	3	1				
13	Calvary	233	5	1	7		1	1
14	Haverhill	174	3	7	5	1		
15	Old Colony	123		3				3
16	Sutton	222	8	3				3
17	Bethany	166	6					1
18	Winslow Lewis	127	4	2				
19	Jerusalem	120	3	3				1
20	Hugh de Payens	195	3	8	5			3
21	Saint Omer	150	13	1	2			3
22	Berkshire	78	2		6			
23	Woonsocket	135	4					5
24	Connecticut Valley	88	4					1
25	Godfrey de Bouillon	121	4	2				1
26	Joseph Warren	139	5	4				2
27	Narragansett	52	11					
28	William Parkman	107	1	1				
29	Bristol	117	3					3
30	Northampton	62	1	1				2
31	South Shore	135	10	1		1		
32	Trinity	70	2					
33	Natick	57	4					1
34	Cœur de Lion	157	10	5				1
35	Gethsemane	72	3	2				
36	Olivet	80	4	2				
37	Athol	45		3				1
38	Bay State	99	8	2				
39	Cyprus	40						
	Totals	5835	214	82	72	9	1	77

I suggest that four copies of the printed proceedings of each year be furnished to each Commandery, one copy of which

shall be for the use of the Recorder, and remain among the archives of that office, and that it be enforced by this Grand Commandery.

By direction of the R. E. Grand commander, I issued renewals of Representatives' Commissions, under date of March 6, 1878, as reported by him in May last; and on June 6, 1878, a commission to E. Sir Oliver A. Whittemore, Colorado; and on August 21, 1878, to William Wilson Frayler, of California, to succeed R. E. Sir Charles Marsh, deceased.

The charter authorized to be reissued to Narragansett Commandery, to replace that destroyed by fire, was, after some inevitable delay, placed in possession of that body. It is a true copy of the original, including the official signatures, all of which were made by those then in office, and who are happily alive to-day. Its receipt has been acknowledged by Sir R. F. Latimer, Eminent Commander.

This case gives emphasis to prior allusions to the importance of having true copies of all the charters in the archives, a work which as yet I have been unable fully to accomplish.

The printed proceedings of the several Grand Commanderies show increased care in their preparation, and a due regard for the good reputation of their respective jurisdictions. The reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence occupy a large space in these proceedings, some of which are quite pronounced in reference to the non-compliance by this Grand Commandery with this somewhat modern creation of such committees.

The following compilation, in tabular form, will show the latest reports received, and the various numbers affecting the numerical growth or decay of the several jurisdictions.

TABLE.

Grand Commandery of	Date of Last Annual Conclave.		No. of Subordinates.	No. Created.	No. of Members.	Increase in the year.	Decrease in the year.
Alabama	May 15,	1878	11	9	210	.....	21
Arkansas	Report of	1877	4	3	113	.....	20
California	April 12,	1878	14	73	892	39	....
Canada	August 7,	1877	20	48	420	.....	....
Colorado	.....		3	10	136	.....	....
Connecticut	March 19,	1878	10	33	1,306	.....	21
England and Wales	May 10,	1878	122	.....	2,200	284	....
Georgia		1877	8	27	310	.....	10
Illinois	October 23,	1877	49	325	3,865	198	....
Indiana	April 30,	1878	28	117	1,929	.....	7
Iowa	October 4,	1877	31	170	1,534	89	....
Kansas	May 14, 15,	1878	11	49	422	35	....
Kentucky	May 8, 9,	1878	18	63	1,150	37	...
Louisiana	February 15,	1878	4	10	372	.....	31
Maine	May 8,	1878	13	50	1,562	7	....
Maryland	May 15,	1878	8	30	729	.....	59
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	October 30,	1878	39	214	5,835	.....	8
Michigan	May 14, 15,	1878	30	155	2,417	126	....
Minnesota	June 24,	1878	11	71	617	67	....
Mississippi	May 14,	1878	14	27	460	.....	31
Missouri	October 8, 9,	1878	31	77	1,253	27	....
Nebraska	April 30,	1878	7	37	346	14	....
New Jersey	September 11,	1877	12	42	1,165	.....	47
New York	.....		53	345	6,996	.....	343
New Hampshire	September 25,	1877	9	34	1,034	.....	31
Ohio	August 30, 31,	1877	29	242	2,648	.....	....
Pennsylvania	May 28, 29, 30,	1878	57	308	6,035	71	....
Tennessee	.....		14	52	719	.....	....
Texas	February 14,	1877	13	49	498	.....	....
Vermont	June 11,	1878	9	39	659	27	....
Virginia	October 9–19,	1877	14	62	805	50	....
West Virginia	August 25,	1877	6	42	223	27	....
Wisconsin	September 3, 4,	1878	13	41	955	.....	2
Grand Encampment, United States	August 28–31,	1877	19	108	1,462	.....	....
Total number of Commanderies in the United States, England and Wales and dependencies			734			1,128	641
Total number created in United States only				2,962			
Total number of members as above reported					51,337		
Total number of members in United States only					49,137		

From these it appears that in 13 jurisdictions there has been a total loss in membership of 641, against 246 last year in 6. The greatest loss this year has been 343 in New York, against 72 in Tennessee, in 1877. Maryland has lost 59; Louisiana, Mississippi and New Hampshire, 31 each; New Jersey, 47; Arkansas, 30; Alabama and Connecticut, 21 each; Georgia, 10; Indiana, 7, and Wisconsin, 2.

The largest increase in any jurisdiction in the United States, has been 198, in Illinois, which also showed the largest increase in 1877. The smallest increase is 7, in Maine. England and Wales has added 284, and reports confidently.

The direct causes of loss are found under the respective heads of Dimitted, Suspended, Discharged, Expelled, and Died. These losses are 928, 788, 76, 63 and 495, respectively.

These facts commend themselves to all thinking Knights Templars, who may fairly ask with some concern, "Why should the roll of Templar Masons be reduced in one year by the first four causes by the number of 1,855?" "And what, if any, is the remedy?"

It would be interesting to examine the returns at greater length than this report will permit; but we may make it suggestive.

The losses appear to be local or sectional, though it does not appear whether this is in consequence of local reasons. All complain of business depression, hence this reason is a general one. Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, adjoining States, lose in the proportion of 1 in 5, 13, 16, 11 and 31, respectively, or an average of 1 in 13. Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, also adjoining, and New Hampshire nearly so, lose 1 in 13, 26, 21, 66, 731 and 34, respectively, or an average of 2 in 69, or 1 in 34½.

Omitting Indiana and Wisconsin, which lose 7 and 2, and the last six named, it appears that all others north of the 37°, including California, have gained. Indeed, that line runs through a region of increase.

These several facts allude to, and may serve to excite the living, who, possibly, may find some still existing defect in the local or more general plan of introduction into the Order.

If we turn to the lists of the dead, there is less variation. One in 98 has deceased during the year, against one in 92 in 1877. No jurisdiction or section has been exempt from this cause for sorrow, and for sympathy; but this jurisdiction has been more afflicted, numerically, in this particular, than in any previous year of its history, except 1875. One in 77 has surrendered to the inevitable, making the loss by death to be 77.

Other jurisdictions have lost heavily. Tennessee announces by official circular the death of Sir Andrew J. Wheeler, E. C. of St. Elmo Commandery, in Memphis, on September 7, 1878,

distinguished also as Past Grand Master, and editor of "The Masonic Jewel;" and on the 15th following, that of R. E. Sir Edward R. T. Worsham, Past Grand Commander, each of whom stood at his post, yet powerless against the pestilence of yellow fever. And from the same cause, Mississippi mourns the death of Past Grand Commander William A. Fairchild, at Vicksburg, on September 20th. Each of these Past Grand Commanders were in office, and met your representatives in Cleveland, at the Triennial Conclave in 1877.

Kindly words of sympathy and of duty express the sense of obligations resting upon the living. The printed proceedings record the evidence of Templar purification abroad as at home, and the need of mutual help, and mutual forbearance, characterize the doings and the sayings of those in correspondence with this office, and make us grateful for these associations.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

Grand Recorder.

The Grand Recorder's Report was referred to E. Sir George H. Burnham, Thomas A. Doyle, and James H. Upham, who subsequently reported, recommending that so much of said report as related to finance be referred to a Special Committee on Finance to be appointed.

Adopted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander.

E. Sirs Samuel C. Lawrence, Tracy P. Cheever, Thomas A. Doyle.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS, CHARTERS, AND DECISIONS.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASS. AND RHODE ISLAND,
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, October 30th, 1878.

The committee to whom was referred, at the last Semi-Annual Assembly of this Grand Commandery, that portion of the address of the

R. E. Grand Commander which related to Dispensations, Charters and Decisions, respectfully report: That the Dispensations granted by the R. E. G. Commander and reported in his address, were all either within the inherent or the constitutionally granted powers vested in him, and in each instance were wisely and properly issued. The only action by him in regard to the charter of a Commandery, has reference to the charter of Narragansett Commandery, which was destroyed, together with other property, by the fire of December 30th, 1877. In consequence of the loss of this charter, in a spirit of generous sympathy, he authorized the Commandery to transact without a charter "all such business as it was authorized to do and transact under its charter," until a new charter could be issued by authority of the Grand Commandery; and furthermore, to meet for work in the Asylum of Calvary Commandery, in the city of Providence, which had been generously tendered for that purpose. There can be no question either of the right or the wisdom of the Grand Commander in the action thus taken.

The only *decision* of the Grand Commander reported in the address, relates to the question of the jurisdiction of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery, of Fall River, over applicants for the Orders in Templar Masonry who resided in the towns of Bristol and Warren, in the State of Rhode Island. This question must be determined by the provisions of Section 4, Article 2, of the Grand Constitution, viz: "Every subordinate Commandery shall have exclusive jurisdiction in receiving applications for, and in conferring the Orders of Knighthood over all territory lying nearer the usual travelled routes to its place of meeting than to that of any other Commandery." By that happy conjunction of Templar interests which has existed so long and so pleasantly between Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the jurisdictional lines include both states in the same grand organization, so that they are to be treated, for all Templar purposes, as *one*. The assignment of lines of jurisdiction for the various commanderies comes legitimately within the legislative province of the Grand Commandery. A rule should, of course, be adopted, which will be practically just and fair, and when adopted, should be inflexibly observed. The rule or test, in this regard is, that distance by usual travelled routes, shall determine the jurisdiction. In a case, should such a case arise, when the town of A is, by one usual travelled route, nearer to the town of B, and by another usual travelled route, nearer to the town of C, the present provisions of the Grand Commandery would not furnish a sufficient guide upon the question of jurisdiction, and the inherent power of the Grand Commander might be invoked for its determination. But the case upon which the Grand Commander reported his decision, presents no such difficulty. It is simply a mathematical question, whether the towns of Bristol and Warren are actually nearer by usual travelled routes to Fall River, than to Providence or Newport. The table of distances submitted by the Grand Commander shows, that Fall River

by the usual travelled routes *is* nearer to Bristol and Warren, than are Providence and Newport. If there be no mistake in the figures, therefore Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery, has, under the constitutional provisions above cited, exclusive jurisdiction over applicants for the Orders of Knighthood who reside in the towns of Bristol and Warren. Accordingly your Committee do not hesitate in the expression of the opinion that the decision of the R. E. Grand Commander upon this question was correct.

For the Committee,

TRACY P. CHEEVER, Chairman.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CODE AND DIGEST OF TEMPLAR LAW AND CONSTITUTION.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASS. AND RHODE ISLAND,

SEMI-ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, October 30, 1878.

The committee to whom was referred, at the last Semi-Annual Assembly of the Grand Commandery, the following vote, viz.:

Voted, That the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island be referred to the same committee, (*i. e.* to the committee who had been previously appointed to consider and report upon the Code and Digest of Templar Law, &c.,) to consider and report what amendments, if any, should be made to it, have attended to the duty assigned them and hereby report that they have examined the Constitution of this Grand Commandery in its relation to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States, which is to be considered as the fundamental or organic law governing Templar Masonry in this country. This constitution relates mainly to the organization, jurisdiction and general authority of the Grand Encampment, to its connection with the State Grand Commanderies and its own direct subordinate commanderies, and to the scope and limitations of the functions of its officers. In addition to this grand constitution there is another source or fountain of law, supplementary to the constitution, and entitled a Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment; and still another, which is officially denominated an amendment to the Code of Statutes, and which is also officially said to embrace all decisions of the Grand Master, as approved or modified by the Grand Encampment, which is published as a Supplement to the Code of Statutes. This supplement, which was thoroughly prepared by our eminent frater, Sir Kt. Drummond, of Maine, and is a fair and able statement of the points decided, is known as the Digest of Templar Law of the Grand Encamp-

ment. The Constitution of the Grand Encampment, in its declaration of general principles, contains nothing, so far as your committee are aware, to which this or any other State Grand Commandery may reasonably object, so far as the interests of Templar Masonry are concerned, and to its provisions our constitution should doubtless conform. Your committee do not, however, regard it as the duty of the Grand Commandery, as a loyal subordinate of the Grand Encampment of the United States, to subject its constitution to all the vicissitudes and changes, either in principle or policy, which may arise under the varying legislations or official decisions of the General Grand Body, and especially when fundamental doctrines, and long settled usages of Masonry, are ignored by such legislation or decision. It would hardly be consistent for this Grand Commandery to sanction the adoption of a principle or a regulation which it regards as unmasonic or otherwise unsound by incorporating it into its own constitution. To the fixed and fundamental law we should conform, but as to the flexible, variable and often ill-considered statute or decision we may reasonably hesitate. Even if there were no limitations to the power of the Grand Encampment, in respect to its control by legislation or edict of the State Grand Commanderies, the varying, changeable quality of this latter species of law is such that, to keep in harmony with it, your committee on constitutional revision would be in danger of finding permanent employment.

The changes in our constitution which your committee recommend, for the purpose of conformity to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, are as follows, viz.:

In Article 1, Section 3, paragraph 2, in third line, after the word *orders*, insert the words *within this jurisdiction.*

In Section 3, paragraph 4, in third line, after the word *edicts*, insert *and;* and, in fourth line, strike out *it.*

In Section 4, change the names *Senior Grand Warden* and *Junior Grand Warden* to *Grand Junior Warden* and *Grand Senior Warden.* Place the *Grand Standard Bearer* in rank next before the *Grand Sword Bearer.* Strike out *Grand Sentinel.* In the tenth line, after the word *body*, insert the words *so long as they remain members of Commanderies under this jurisdiction.* In the fourteenth line, strike out the words *in good standing.* Strike out paragraph 2; and insert, as an addition, to paragraph 1 the following: *Each of whom shall be entitled, when present, to one vote and no more, except as proxy.* Strike out paragraph 2.

In Section 5, paragraph 1, second line, strike out *and the Grand Sentinel;* third line, strike out *assemblies* and insert *conclaves.* In paragraph 3, fifth line, strike out *assembly* and insert *conclave.*

In Section 6, paragraph 1, second line, after the word *others* insert the words *together with a Grand Sentinel.* In paragraph 3, second line, after the word *been* insert the words *duly elected and.*

In Section 7, paragraph 1, strike out the heading *assemblies* and insert *conclaves;* in first line, strike out *assemble* and insert *hold a regular conclave.* In paragraph 2, first line, strike out *assemblies* and insert *conclaves;* in third line, strike out *meeting* and insert *conclave.*

In Section 8, paragraph 3, fifth line, strike out *assembly* and insert *conclave.*

In Section 9, paragraph 1, sixth line, strike out the words *succeeding stated assembly* and insert the words *next stated conclave.* In paragraph 2, second line, strike out *assembly* and insert *conclave.*

In Section 11, paragraph 1, second line, strike out *assembly* and insert *conclave.* In paragraph 2, sixth line, strike out *each and every* and insert *the;* in same line, strike out *assembly* and insert *conclave.*

In Article 2, Section 1, fourth line, change so that the *Standard Bearer* shall precede the *Sword Bearer.*

In Section 3, first line, strike out *assemble* and insert *hold a conclave.*

In Section 4, fourth line, strike out *meeting* and insert *conclave.*

In Section 5, twelfth and fourteenth lines, strike out *assemblies* and insert *conclaves;* in fifth line, after *been* insert *duly elected or appointed and.*

In Section 8, sixth line, strike out *unless* and insert *until;* seventh line, strike out *fourteen days* and insert *four weeks;* also, in same line, strike out the words *a dispensation therefor shall be obtained from* and insert the words *by written permission of.* At the end of this sentence add the following, viz.: *If a candidate be rejected, no new petition for the Orders shall be presented until after the expiration of four months from the time of such rejection.*

In Section 12, first line, strike out *assembly* and insert *conclave.*

In Section 15, third line, strike out *assembly* and insert *conclave.*

Fraternally submitted,

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
THOS. A. DOYLE,
N. VAN SLYCK.

The Committee reported progress, and were granted further time on the Code and Digest.

The Report on the Constitution was accepted and the several recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF SIR ORRIN WELCH.

The committee to which was referred so much of the Grand Commander's address, delivered at the last Semi-Annual Conclave, as relates

to the decease of R. E. Orrin Welch, makes report, recommending the adoption of the following memorial:

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island has received with deep emotion the sad intelligence of the decease of R. E. Orrin Welch, P. G. C. of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, and mourn the loss of a true and courteous knight whose high moral worth and arduous labors in the cause of Templar Masonry had endeared him to the members, not alone of his own jurisdiction, but of the entire fraternity.

The Grand Commandery tenders its profound sympathy to the Grand Commandery of the State of New York in the bereavement it has sustained, and orders this tribute to the memory of the distinguished frater, to be placed upon the records of this session, and a copy thereof transmitted to the Grand Commandery of New York and to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. DOYLE,
S. C. LAWRENCE,
SAMUEL MASON, Jr.

Adopted.

The R. E. Grand Commander made the following

ADDRESS.

Sir Knights:—I have the honor to submit to you a report of my official acts, as Grand Commander, since our Semi-Annual Assembly in May last.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

In compliance with General Order No. 1, (presented at the semi-annual session,) the several inspecting officers have made to me their reports, herewith submitted, of the condition of the subordinate Commanderies assigned them for visitation. Their statements bear evidence that they were imbued with an appreciation and knowledge of their duties. They report that all the Commanderies have been visited, excepting Trinity, Old Colony and Narragansett, which omissions, for the reasons given me, I have excused.

The depressed condition of business which has been so widely felt throughout the land, has not failed to lessen the number of initiates. The returns will doubtless show light work during the year. I gather from the reports rendered, that, while there may be room in some cases for criticism, our subordinate Commanderies, in the main, conform to our approved work, are under good discipline, and in a favorable condition.

The visits of the inspecting officers were also made occasions of social intercourse, and rendered agreeable by the courtesy and respect uniformly bestowed on them as the representatives of this Grand Body. I would add that my own experience corresponds with theirs.

On the evening of September 11th, at the request of E. Sir David F. Parker, the Commander of Worcester County Commandery, I conferred the Order of Malta, in full, upon thirteen Sir Knights. I also officially visited this body, March 7th, in place of our V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, who, unexpectedly, had to be in Washington at the time set for his visit. This Commandery is efficiently managed by E. Sir Parker and his corps of officers, and is in a prosperous condition.

ISAIAH THOMAS.

On the 24th of June, I was permitted to represent this Grand Body at Worcester, on the occasion of the re-interment, with civic and Masonic ceremonies, of the remains of Isaiah Thomas. The Masonic ceremonies were conducted by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, M. W. Charles Alfred Welch, Grand Master.

The different Masonic bodies of the city, and the representatives of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts were present, in procession, under the escort of Worcester County Commandery of Knights Templars.

Isaiah Thomas was a distinguished Mason and a prominent man in revolutionary times and years succeeding. He was born in Boston, January 19, 1749, and died in Worcester, April 4, 1831, at the age of 82. He was a contemporary of Thomas Smith Webb, of Providence, R. I., Henry Fowle, of Boston, Mass., and their associates, and is mentioned as a

visitor in the proceedings of an Assembly of the U. S. Grand Encampment held at Boston, in Mason's Hall, May 28, 1807. He was for four years the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and for three years Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. At a meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1792, he was placed upon a committee with Paul Revere and others, to prepare the Book of Constitutions for the use of the Grand Lodge. His attachment for Masonry continued throughout his eventful life, and, doubtless, had much to do with modifying and tempering a mind and character that greatly influenced the people of his State, and laid broad and deep the foundation for future good.

With his pen and press he did gallant battle for human rights and constitutional freedom. It has been happily said that "He who would be counted among the benefactors of posterity must add by his own toil to the acquisitions of his ancestors." This, in a large sense, Isaiah Thomas did, and by his example and benefactions reared for himself an enduring monument.

DISPENSATIONS.

Since the Semi-Annual Session in May, I have granted the following special dispensations:

June 14.—To Boston Commandery, to visit St. John's Commandery at Providence, on the evening of June 18. I accompanied Boston Commandery on this occasion, and was pleased to witness the cordial salutations of these two, the first born, the oldest Commanderies in the jurisdiction. I was accompanied by E. Sir Tracy P. Cheever, Past Grand Senior Warden, and by E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Recorder.

June 17.—To South Shore Commandery, to make a pilgrimage to the Vineyard, June 24, to return the following day.

June 18.—To Saint John's Commandery, to appear in the streets of Providence, on Sunday, June 23, to attend service at the Church of the Mediator, in observance of the festival of Saint John the Baptist. The services on this occasion must have proved most profitable and interesting to the members of St. John's Commandery and the Sir Knights of Calvary Com-

mandery, their guests. Sir Walter B. Vincent, Generalissimo of St. John's Commandery, was the orator of the day.

June 18.—To Worcester County Commandery, to parade, June 24, as escort to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on the occasion of the re-interment of the remains of Most Worshipful brother and Sir Knight, Isaiah Thomas, with civic and Masonic ceremonies.

July 6.—To Bay State Commandery, to parade as escort to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on the occasion of laying the corner-stone of the Town Hall in Holbrook, July 10.

July 15.—To Washington Commandery, of Newport, R. I., permission to parade, in courtesy to Melita Commandery, of Paterson, N. J., should it seem desirable, on the occasion of the contemplated visit of the latter to Newport, July 18.

July 16.—To Springfield Commandery, sometime during said month to make a pilgrimage to Double Beach, Conn., to improve the body in field drill and to strengthen the social ties of their scattered membership. The R. E. Grand Commander of Connecticut courteously granted permission for them to enter within the lines of his jurisdiction.

July 18.—To Calvary Commandery, of Providence, to appear in public, in the costume of the Order, at their discretion, in extending knightly courtesies to Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2, on the occasion of their contemplated visit to Providence, as guests of Calvary Commandery, on the 13th and 14th of August, 1878.

August 19.—To Old Colony Commandery, to parade and fittingly receive Mt. Horeb Commandery, of Concord, N. H., on the occasion of their visit to Plymouth, September 3, 1878.

September 12.—To Boston Commandery, to serve as escort to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on Friday, September 13, at the funeral ceremonies of the late Hon. Frank Welch, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

October 1.—To Boston Commandery, to act as escort to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at the funeral obsequies to our deceased Past Deputy Grand Master, E. Sir John McClellan.

October 12.—To Hugh de Payens Commandery, to appear in public parade, October 17, in acceptance of knightly cour-

tesies extended by the Sir Knights, resident at Medford and Woburn.

October 18.—To Gethsemane Commandery, permission to elect, at the Stated Assembly, October 21 instant, officers to fill such vacancies as might occur by resignation, or otherwise, of the officers *elect.*

I have, in two instances, granted permission to ballot upon candidates in less time than that required by the Constitution; and have, also in two instances, granted permission for the public installation of officers.

At the request of the respective R. E. Grand Commanders of New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, I have granted Mt. Horeb Commandery, of Concord, N. H., Melita Commandery, of Paterson, N. J., and Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2, permission to enter our jurisdiction.

CORRESPONDENCE AND DECISIONS.

The correspondence of the year, though large, has not involved any new questions for decision, and I therefore refrain from further allusion to it here.

FINANCES.

It will be seen upon the examination of the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Body, as rendered in the financial statements in the proceedings, (omitting, in so doing, the amount of receipts from the sale of the invested funds, and the loans from the Grand Treasurer,) that the sources of revenue for the support of this Grand Body have proved insufficient, for several years, to meet the current expenses, that is, from 1875 to 1878, inclusive.

We find in the following reports, viz.: In 1875, the expenditures to exceed the receipts, $1,496.97; in 1876, $329.96; in 1877, $960.82.

I have not the last entries that will appear in the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Recorder's reports to enable me to make a perfect statement for the present year, but I shall be able, by some estimates made by me at the time of this writing, October

28th, to come so nearly to it as not to affect the result I have in view.

For the year just closed, the receipts to the time of this writing, 28th instant, are $1,741.30, and the expenses have been, as per statement and bills, $1,822.10, a deficit of $80.80.

The returns of eleven Commanderies, due last year, appear among the receipts of this year, amounting to $398.95, which, if applied on last years' accounts, would have reduced the deficiency of last year from $960.82 to $561.87, and increased the deficiency of this year to $479.75.

There were expenses in 1875 which may be termed unusual; and in 1876 and 1877 there were expenses such as have not been incurred during the year ending October, 1878. The expenses of the last named year, so far as ascertained, and by estimate as before stated, have been $508.86 less than in any of the three preceding years. It will not, however, do to take the light expenses of 1878 as a standard.

On account of the deficiency in the annual receipts, our Grand Treasurer has been obliged to make loans to meet the recurring expenses, and, as necessities required, to sell our Grand Commandery invested funds, thus cutting off the interest income on investment account.

The annual income of this Grand Body is fluctuating in amount. It mainly consists of the five dollar dues from each subordinate Commandery, and of the four dollar dues from each knight created.

To illustrate: During the years from 1865 to 1876, inclusive, (twelve years,) the average number created, per year, is 460. During the last four years there were created, per year, as follows: In 1875, 382; in 1876, 319; in 1877, 211; and in the year ending to day, 212, making a falling off of 716 knights created from what would have been the number created had the above average been maintained. This decrease of 716 in the number created, amounts, at four dollars each, to a difference in income of $2,864.00 for the four years named.

I am fully satisfied that the financial management of our worthy Grand Treasurer, and his associates—my predecessors—has been conducted with prudence and economy.

This deficiency of income should be supplied. We have 5,850 knights in our jurisdiction. The additional payment of fifteen cents per year by each knight of the jurisdiction would meet the want.

I recommend for your wise consideration this important matter, with the hope that such action may be taken as shall prove for the permanent prosperity of the body.

Our Grand Treasurer will present the detailed report of the committee on the Grand Fund, together with his usual financial statement.

BY-LAWS.

Since the Assembly in May, one full code of by-laws from Haverhill Commandery, and certain amendments to the by-laws of Washington Commandery, have been received and submitted to the Committee on By-Laws. In both cases, certain changes were made by the committee. The code of by-laws and the amendments, as altered by the committee, were approved by me, September 26, 1878.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I caused a commission to be issued, under date of June 6, 1878, appointing Sir Oliver A. Whittemore, of Denver, Colorado, the Grand Representative of this Grand Commandery, near the Grand Commandery of Colorado.

E. Sir David F. Parker, of Worcester, has presented a commission, bearing date June 12, 1878, from the Grand Commander of Colorado, appointing him their Grand Representative, near this Grand Body, and it gives me pleasure at this time to acknowledge him as such.

I also caused a commission to be issued, appointing E. Sir William Wilson Traylor, of San Francisco, Cal., Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of that State, the Grand Representative of this Grand Body, near that Grand Body. This was to fill the vacancy caused by the death of our Grand Representative, E. Sir Charles Marsh, of memorable virtues.

OBITUARY.

I would call your attention to the loss we have sustained in the death of our Past Deputy Grand Master, John McClellan.

He was born in Providence, R. I., in the year 1810, and died in Boston, September 29, 1878. For the last thirty-four years of his life he was an active and consistent Mason, and was honored by being called to fill distinguished positions in all the Masonic bodies he became connected with, both Grand and Subordinate. At the time of his death he was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which office he filled for seventeen years. He was created a Knight Templar in Boston Encampment in 1845, and was elected Deputy Grand Master in the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for 1856–7.

For many years, as Secretary of the Boston Masonic Board of Relief, he was largely brought in contact with the needy and distressed.

The faithfulness with which he attended to his duties in this regard attests to more than diligence in business—it suggests a sympathetic heart. He was not merely the almoner of others' bounty, but the giver of his own, in his advice and friendliness and hopeful words.

His long association with such an office is in itself a eulogy.

A noteworthy circumstance in his Masonic life was his protracted continuance in positions of trust—a proof of the confidence of others in his accuracy, business capacity, and fidelity. He left an untarnished record—a proof that the confidence was not misplaced.

"He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him."

October 3, I caused the following order to be promulgated:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
WORCESTER, Mass., October 3, 1878.

To all our Grand Officers, to all our Commanderies, and to all Knights Templars within our Jurisdiction:

Our Past Deputy Grand Master, Eminent Sir JOHN MCCLELLAN, no longer liveth. He died at his residence in Boston, Mass., September 29th, A. D. 1878, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

It is, therefore, *Ordered*, That the Jewels and Swords of the Grand Officers be draped in mourning, for the term of ninety days, succeeding the receipt of this order.

It is also ordered, that this order be read at the head of each subordinate Commandery, at the next Regular Assembly thereof, and that the same tokens of mourning be displayed by each, and for the same term as is enjoined upon the Grand Officers.

JOHN DEAN,
Grand Commander.

Attest: ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

We have met once more in annual assembly. Another year has been added to recorded time—another link to the lengthening chain that binds us to the past. A host of stalwart knights have gone before: we live to cherish their traditions and to fulfill their vows.

How changed are the times and circumstances! No longer the crusades calling forth the banded power of chivalry—no longer the knight-errant, with lance in rest, doing battle for the oppressed, or jousting for glory and his lady's smile.

The holy fields that once were trampled by the feet of mail-clad warriors in desperate contest with the infidel, are to day visited by the peaceful traveler; the tournament is over, and a broader civilization has given to law the sword and shield.

Is, then, our knightly mission ended, and do we bear our swords in vain? Ah, no: our mission is yet loftier, our weapons have a diviner service. Of the warfare ever waging between good and evil, of the dangers and temptations that beset our march towards the heavenly Jerusalem, our good blades are symbolic. They recall the fierce struggles in which they triumphed for the Sepulchre and the Cross, and, freed from sanguine stain, they speak of mightier victories, won through chastity, through love of our fellow men, and voices raised in behalf of the oppressed.

We have fallen upon happier days. Our labor is in a peaceful sphere; but even more gloriously can we there exemplify the principles of our noble Institution. Founded, as it is, on

the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues, wide as the world in its tenets and philanthropy, never sectarian, there is hardly a limit to its usefulness in family, church, and state. Rich in sacred and glorious associations, illustrated by knightly deeds and patient suffering, our Order appeals to the noblest qualities of our nature, and urges us to the performance of the loftiest duties—to aid the distressed, to support the weak, and so to live that men, seeing our good works, may glorify our Father.

Whether we are in conclave or in banquet hall the wondrous history of our Order is an inspiration; our solemn ceremonies subdue us, and move us toward the better way. Vigor is added to the performance of our daily duties; honor controls us; our lives become a common good. Human will can do much, but the strength that receives its nurture from on high can do infinitely more. Let us strive, then, to quicken our lives with a renewed sense of the good we may accomplish to ourselves and others.

The spotless knight Sir Galahad was alone permitted to gaze upon the Holy Cup which had held the blood of our Saviour. Well does this knight express the might of purity:

> "My good sword carves the casques of men;
> My tough lance thrusteth sure;
> My strength is as the strength of ten
> Because my heart is pure."

On motion of E. Sir Knight Kent, it was

Voted, That the R. E. Grand Commander's address be divided and referred to appropriate committees.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following committees on the address:

1. So much as relates to Dispensations and Appointments, to E. Sirs Tracy P. Cheever, William D. Pool and S. Mason, Jr.

2. So much as relates to Finance, to E. Sirs S. C. Lawrence, Charles B. Lancaster and Edward L. Freeman.

3. So much as relates to the death of Past Deputy Grand Master John McClellan, to E. Sirs William W. Baker, William Parkman and Charles Harris.

4. So much as relates to the death of Past Grand Master Charles H. Titus, to E. Sirs Henry W. Rugg, T. P. Cheever and T. E. St. John.

5. The remainder of the address, to E. Sirs Henry Chickering, C. C. Hutchinson and George E. Stacy.

At Refreshment.

At one o'clock and forty-five minutes, P. M., the Sir Knights were called to refreshment, served in the banquet hall.

On Duty.

At three o'clock P. M., attention to duty, was called, and the business of the Grand Commandery was resumed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF SIR JOHN McCLELLAN.

The committee appointed to prepare remarks and resolutions on the death of R. E. Sir John McClellan, have attended to that duty, and beg leave to report:

In recording the death of our Knight Companion, Sir John McClellan, your committee feel that they would not be doing justice to themselves, to this Grand Body, or to our departed knight, did they fail also to place on record, the estimation this Grand Body holds of his services when alive, and their respect for his memory when dead.

So much has been already said and written, and will be written and delivered on the death of this brother, that your committee propose to confine their remarks to a brief abstract of his life and services and the estimation in which he is held by his brethren.

John McClellan was born in Providence, R. I., on February 28, 1810, and died at his home in Boston, Sunday, September 29, 1878, of a complication of diseases, the basis of which was Bright's disease. In early life he removed to Boston, when he entered the service of a connection, one Mr. Frothingham, in the dry goods business; he was for a time in the service of the Probate Court of this county, but finally, about the year 1846, engaged with our late brother, Col. N. A. Thompson, as an auctioneer, in which business he remained to the time of his death.

John McClellan was initiated in Masonry in Columbian Lodge, Boston, April 4, 1844. In January, 1846, he was installed into office as Secretary of that Lodge, which he held for a period of ten years, in which office he was of essential service to the Craft and the Lodge in the assistance he rendered R. W. Brother Heard in his interesting history of Columbian Lodge. In the meantime, Brother McClellan had made rapid progress in other branches of the Order, and filled many important positions, in both Subordinate and Grand Bodies, among which may be enumerated eighteen years service as Treasurer of Revere Lodge, twenty-two years as Treasurer of Saint Andrew Chapter, of which he has also been High Priest. He was also Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, and Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of the United States, and for seventeen years, to the time of his death, was Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Ia 1845, he received the Orders in Knighthood in Boston Encampment, where he held several offices, the highest of which, however, was that of Senior Warden. In 1856 he was elected to the important position of Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Body, which place he held to general acceptance.

In all the varied positions in which our brother has been placed, his services have ever been characterized by a single desire to do his duty, and ennoble and magnify his office. In places of responsibility — and he filled many of them — his course was marked by a stern integrity and honesty, that drew down upon him the commendation of his associates. Many hundreds of thousands of dollars of Masonic funds have passed through his hands, but his record has been clean; the breath of suspicion has never tainted his honest reputation. Strictly systematic and methodical in the conducting of his affairs, his accounts were easily understood and comprehended by his auditors.

There remains but little more to add. As a citizen, our brother was ever on the side of truth and justice; as a friend he was manly and courteous, and as a Mason, many of us who have known him for years can testify that he was true to the Brethren, and faithful to the Craft. In his domestic relations, he was a kind husband and devoted brother. His family circle was small, but it was ever enlivened by cheerfulness and a mutual desire for the happiness of each other.

In conclusion your committee would submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the death of R. E. Sir John McClellan, this Grand Body is deprived of the society of one who, in the days of his earliest manhood, filled with acceptance many of the active offices of the Order, as in latter days positions of trust and responsiblity, and by his irreproachable character and integrity, added honor and reputation to Masonry.

Resolved, That our sincere sympathies are extended to the afflicted family of our deceased brother in this hour of their distress, and join with them in cherishing his memory in our hearts.

WILLIAM W. BAKER,
WILLIAM PARKMAN,
CHARLES HARRIS.

The Report was accepted, and the Resolutions were adopted, the Sir Knights rising in token of respect for the memory of the deceased.

Committee No. 4, on address of this day, were authorized to report in print, and submit the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF SIR CHARLES H. TITUS.

Report of committee on that part of the Grand Commander's address having reference to the death of PAST GRAND MASTER TITUS.

Another name is added to the list of the illustrious dead of this Grand Commandery. Again the Angel of Death has made his summons and called hence a great-hearted and honored member of our Order, a beloved brother and friend. We know that he has ascended to a more glorious state; that he has passed the dark river to the land of the immortals, where faithful souls receive the crowns of righteousness and joy. We would not sorrow as those without hope, for have we not received the lessons of the empty tomb and the ascension glory, and are not our hearts stayed on the promise of the risen Lord, "because I live, ye shall live also?"

We can but mourn, however, for we are human; whilst all the keener is our sense of bereavement, because the ties of our Order knit congenial hearts so closely together. Thus do we recall the sweet communions which we have shared with our departed brother, and our hearts are made tender at the taking away of one so honored and so loved. He has gone from us, but his memory abides in our hearts, a blessed inheritance.

> "—— Life's labor done,
> Serenely to his final rest he passed;
> While the soft memories of his virtues yet
> Linger, like sunlight hues when that bright orb has set."

Your committee deem it unnecessary to give at length the Masonic history of our departed Past Grand Commander. It may suffice to state the fact that he had passed through all Masonic grades, and that in each

and every branch of the Institution he made full proof of that ability, faithfulness and zeal, which were conspicuous in the entire work of his life. He was called to many important official positions, the duties of which he performed in a way to merit the commendation of those who thus honored him. He was invested with dignities and distinctions that attest with unmistakable significance his stronghold upon the respect and confidence of his brethren, but such preferments afford little insight into the wealth and truth of his character. As a Mason—as a man and a brother—must his brethren revere him.

The intellectual character of Past Grand Master Titus was formed, not only from the elementary, academic and theological education of the schools, but by diligent and careful general reading, by the mental excritations demanded in his profession and by his contact with men in the work of the ministry, and with Masons in the work of the Fraternity. It was a growth which proceeded steadfast to the end of his days. His mind was an orderly one and accomplished substantial if not brilliant results. It was trained to the most Catholic quality of charity, for however strong his theological opinions may have been, they left him absolutely devoid of bigotry and sectarian narrowness, and in the full possession of the broadest toleration of manly dogmatic differences.

But it is in the glory of his moral nature that the character of our eminent brother stands most conspicuous and pronounced. It is not too much to say that his integrity was as nearly absolute as the lot of humanity will admit. In the presence of all men he was open and sincere, but before his brethren he wore his heart upon his sleeve. Benevolence and graciousness glowed upon his face, lighted up every feature, and were visible in his daily speech and conduct. His generosity, his genial regard for the interests of others had no taint of selfishness or even of self-love. His sentiments were no less pure than refined. His humanity was broad as well as warm. Firm in resolve and purpose, he was ever gracious in exercising these qualities. Highly as he valued the appreciation of his brethren, he could not seek for such approbation by the smallest sacrifice of principle. "Duty was his guiding star, and love the faithful ally of duty."

In his death a star has disappeared from the Masonic firmament. Sensible of the loss we have sustained, be it ours to cherish the memory and imitate the virtues of that knightly soul which now finds in its ample spiritual sphere a wider Fraternity and a sublimer Fatherhood; and be it ours, by a fresh consecration to duty and truth, so to live that we may renew in a higher life the companionship we have lost in this.

HENRY W. RUGG,
TRACY P. CHEEVER,
T. E. ST. JOHN.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REMAINDER OF ADDRESS IN MAY, 1878.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

BOSTON, October 30, 1878.

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Commander's address, which has not been considered by special committee, beg leave to report.

That we recognize with much pleasure the prosperity attendant upon the work and general interests of the Grand Commandery, and that the subordinate bodies are in a healthy condition.

The unprecedented experience of Springfield Commandery in the sudden decease of its Eminent Commander elect, on the eve of his installation, presents us a deep and solemn lesson of the brevity of life and the urgent necessity of being ever ready to meet the vicissitudes which press upon us.

We are happy to note that the officers of the Grand Commandery absent at the last annual session have been duly installed, thus completing the organization in due and ample form.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. ST. JOHN,
HENRY CHICKERING,
W. D. POOL,
Committee.

Report accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TACTICS AND DRILL.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASS. AND RHODE ISLAND,

October 30, 1878.

The Committee on Tactics and Drill, for the purpose of perfecting the work heretofore reported by them, recommend that they be empowered to select three Sir Knights, experts in military matters, who shall be requested to critically examine the tactics approved by the Grand Commandery, with authority to recommend such changes as they shall deem desirable.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON W. ALDRICH,
A. H. HOWLAND, JR.

The presence of V. E. Sir Benjamin Dean, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of the United States, being observed, the R. E. Grand Commander appointed E. Sirs Thomas A. Doyle and Tracy P. Cheever to wait upon and introduce him into the Grand Asylum, where he was officially welcomed by the Right Eminent, and to which he gracefully responded.

ROLL CALL.

The roll of Commanderies was now called, and the number as reported by the Committee on Credentials, was found to be correct.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the request of the Grand Commander, Past R. E. Sir H. W. Rugg presided during the election of officers, whom he subsequently installed into office.

E. Sirs John N. Pike, Charles R. Brayton and Henry Chickering were appointed to count the number of votes thrown, and report the names of the Sir Knights elected to office.

Officers Elected.

Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH, Providence, R. I..V. E. D. Grand Commander.
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT, Charlestown, Mass.E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir CALEB SAUNDERS, Lawrence, Mass.....E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir Rev. THOS. E. ST. JOHN, Worcester, Mass.E. Grand Prelate.
Sir SAMUEL MASON, JR., Boston, Mass.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Providence, R. I.E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN, Boston, Mass.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston, Mass....E. Grand Recorder.

V. E. Sirs N. W. Aldrich, Wyzeman Marshal and E. D. Bancroft were appointed to wait upon and introduce R. E. Sir John Dean, Grand Commander elect, into the Grand Asylum, where he acknowledged the courtesy of the Sir

Knights in re-electing him to high official station, and returned to them his thanks.

After being installed into office, he announced the following appointments to office and the standing committees:

Sir MARVIN S. FELLOWS, Greenfield, Mass. E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir WILLIAM D. POOL, Lynn, Mass. . . . . E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir JAMES M. PENDLETON, Westerly, R. I. . E. Grand Warder.
Sir GARDNER T. SANFORD, N. Bedford, Mass. E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN, Pawtucket, R.I. }
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT, Ayer, Mass. . . . . } Grand Lecturers.
Sir CHARLES M. AVERY, Chelsea, Mass. . . }
Sir BENJ. F. NOURSE, Cambridge, Mass. . . . Grand Sentinel.

Standing Committees.

ON CREDENTIALS.

Sirs J. M. Greenwood, A. H. Cushman, James Swords.

ON PRINTING.

Sirs N. Van Slyck, A. F. Chapman, C. E. Powers.

ON BY-LAWS.

Sirs W. B. Blanding, Walter B. Vincent, John N. Pike.

The officers were all present and installed, except Sir C. M. Avery, who was absent by reason of sickness.

R. E. Sir H. W. Rugg was assisted by E. Sir Wyzeman Marshall, who made the usual official proclamation.

On motion of E. Sir T. A. Doyle, it was

Voted, That the printing of the Code and Digest, as authorized on page 31, be suspended until further order.

On motion of E. Sir W. H. Kent, it was

Voted, That the Grand Recorder be authorized to procure a sufficient number of copies of the Code and Digest of Templar Law, to furnish one copy to each Commandery in the jurisdiction.

Moved and

Voted, That the special committee on finance be instructed to report in print, and that a copy of said report be sent to each subordinate Commandery in the jurisdiction, at least two weeks in advance of the Semi-Annual Conclave.

The business before the Grand Commandery being happily concluded, the R. E. Grand Commander expressed his pleasure thereat, and thanked the Sir Knights for their courteous attention to duty during the Conclave.

The Grand Commandery was then adjourned.

A true report of the official acts and doings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, at its Conclaves held during the year.

Attest: ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

Grand Recorder.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND COMMANDERIES TO AND FROM MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

From	Address.	Grand Commanderies.	To	Address.
R. E. Sir Elbert H. English	Little Rock	Arkansas	E. Sir John Haigh	Somerville, Mass.
E. Sir William W. Traylor	San Francisco	California		
E. Sir Oliver A. Whittemore	Denver	Colorado	E. Sir David F. Parker	Worcester, Mass.
V. E. Sir Henry Woodward	Middletown	Connecticut	E. Sir William B. Blanding	Providence, R. I.
E. Sir Charles R. Armstrong	Macon	Georgia	E. Sir Marlborough Williams	Boston, Mass.
R. E. Sir Philander W. Barclay	Cairo	Illinois	R. E. Sir William S. Gardner	Newton, Mass.
		Indiana	E. Sir Henry Chickering	Pittsfield, Mass.
R. E. Sir Robert F. Bower	Keokuk	Iowa	R. E. Sir Nicholas Van Slyck	Providence, R. I.
		Kansas	V. E. Sir Benjamin Dean	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir William Alva Warner	Louisville	Kentucky	E. Sir Wyzeman Marshall	Boston, Mass.
R. E. Sir Joseph P. Horner	New Orleans	Louisiana	R. E. Sir William W. Baker	Boston, Mass
R. E. Sir John W. Ballou	Bath	Maine	V. E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich	Providence, R. I.
E. Sir Frank J. Kugler	Baltimore	Maryland	E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle	Providence, R. I.
E. Sir Henry L. Carver	St. Paul	Minnesota	R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott	Lowell, Mass.
		Mississippi	R. E. Sir Nicholas Van Slyck	Providence, R. I.
		Missouri	R. E. Sir William S. Gardner	Newton, Mass.
E. Sir Eben K. Long	Omaha	Nebraska	R E. Sir Henry W. Rugg	Providence, R. I.
R. E. Sir William H. McIlhanney	Elizabeth	New Jersey	R. E. Sir William S. Gardner	Newton, Mass.
E. Sir Robert H. Waterman	Albany	New York	R. E. Sir William S. Gardner	Newton, Mass.
E. Sir James M. Porter	Easton	Pennsylvania	E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Charles H. Eastman	Nashville	Tennessee	E. Sir William D. Pool	Lynn, Mass.
E. Sir William H. Nichols	Galveston	Texas	E. Sir George H. Burnham	Providence, R. I.
E. Sir W. H. H. Whitcomb	Burlington	Vermont	E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Hugh Sterling	Wheeling	West Virginia	R. E. Sir John Dean	Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir William H. Hiner	Fond du Lac	Wisconsin	R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott	Lowell, Mass.

Sir John McClellan,

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

IN 1856–57.

BORN IN PROVIDENCE, R. I., FEBRUARY 28, 1810.

DIED IN BOSTON, MASS., SEPTEMBER 29, 1878.

Esteemed for his integrity and fidelity, "he lived respected, and died regretted."

Rev. Charles Henry Titus,

M. E. GRAND MASTER,

IN 1865–66.

BORN IN MONMOUTH, MAINE, APRIL 11, A. D. 1819.

DIED IN BOSTON, MASS., OCTOBER 29, A. D. 1878.

"Meekly he gave his being up, and went
To share the holy rest that waits a life well spent."

Abraham Annis Dame,

M. E. GRAND MASTER IN 1835-36.

BORN IN ORFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AUGUST 27, 1792.

DIED IN BOSTON, MASS., NOVEMBER 14, 1878.

Made a Mason in 1818, he served in all the grades in Masonry, Grand and Subordinate.

Pupil of Webb and Fowle, he exceeded both in extent and accuracy in Ritualism.

——"when his hand grew palsied, and his eye
Dark with the mists of age, it was his time to die."

NECROLOGY.

1877-78.

In Memoriam

St. John's Commandery.

Sir Herbert E. Tinkham,
" James G. Chaffee.

Boston Commandery.

Sir Samuel Jepson,
" William Ellison,
" Joseph H. Clapp,
" William B. May,
" Joseph Hayden,
" Charles E. Fox,
" Philander J. Forristall,
" Chauncy Page,
" Eleazer Frederick,
" John McClellan.

Newburyport Commandery.

Sir James W. Cheney.

Washington Commandery.

Sir Nathan Chamberlain,
" George Howland.

Worcester County Commandery.

Sir Asa Walker,
" Amos C. Allen,
" James L. Burbank,
" Henry C. Hill,
" David Scott,
" Jeremiah S. McIntire,
" Simeon Thompson,
" James E. Estabrook.

Springfield Commandery.

Sir Smith R. Phillips,
" William O. Bell,
" William J. Sawin,
" S. K. Lucas,
" C. B. Harris,
" W. S. Greene,
" Henry Alexander, Jr.

De Molay Commandery.

Sir John Bigelow,
" Joseph Dix,
" George A. Bates,
" William Carl.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery.

Sir JEREMIAH D. ARNOLD,
" HEBER LEFAVOUR,
" CHARLES F. MANCHESTER,
" EDWIN CLAPP.

Pilgrim Commandery.

Sir RICHARD W. BAKER,
" SOLON STEVENS.

Palestine Commandery.

Sir ZENAS BANGS,
" GEORGE PEARCE.
" WILLIAM R. BAGNELL, JR.,
" SLADE LUTHER.

Calvary Commandery.

Sir GEORGE B. EARLE.

Old Colony Commandery.

Sir GEORGE S. RYDER,
" GEORGE TALBOT,
" EZRA S. CONANT.

Sutton Commandery.

Sir CHARLES A. HOLMES,
" BENJAMIN CUSHMAN,
" SAMUEL BENSON.

Bethany Commandery.

Sir GEORGE W. PLUMMER.

Jerusalem Commandery.

Sir MERRILL CARLETON.

Hugh De Payens Commandery.

Sir J. E. BRAY,
" WILLIAM A. CLARKE,
" H. C. BICKFORD.

St. Omer Commandery.

Sir ALBERT J. WRIGHT,
" CHAUNCY PAGE,
" HUMPHREY CHOATE.

Woonsocket Commandery.

Sir GEORGE W. WETHERELL,
" CHARLES N. ELLIOTT,
" HENRY E. BIGELOW,
" GEORGE L. BOTHIRCK,
" B. L. RAYMOND.

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

Sir GEORGE A. ALLEN.

Godfrey De Bouillon Commandery.

Sir ROBERT A. BROWN.

Joseph Warren Commandery.

Sir HENRY J. HAIGT,
" NELSON W. FARRER.

William Parkman Commandery.

Sir RICHARD M. INGALLS,
" SAMUEL W. GLEASON.

Bristol Commandery.

Sir EMERY LEACH,
" DANIEL H. CAPRON,
" WILLIAM K. BISHOP.

Northampton Commandery.

Sir TIMOTHY R. PELTON,
" HENRY W. MORGAN.

Natick Commandery.

Sir LORIN R. EDGARTON.

Athol Commandery.

Sir C. F. PRESCOTT.

" The leaves are swept from the branches;
But the living buds are there,
With folded flower and foliage,
To sprout in a kinder air."

ORGANIZATION

OF THE

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars

AND APPENDANT ORDERS,

Of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

OCTOBER 30, 1878.

Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.,
R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH, Providence, R. I.,
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.

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E. Grand Generalissimo.

Sir CALEB SAUNDERS, Lawrence, Mass.,
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Sir CHARLES M. AVERY, Chelsea, Mass.,
Grand Lecturers.

Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE, Cambridge, Mass.,
Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	MEMBER OF WHEN IN OFFICE.	YEARS.
* Sir THOMAS SMITH WEBB,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1805–17
* Sir WILLIAM WILKINSON,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1818–19
* Sir HENRY FOWLE,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1820–25
* Sir JOHN CARLILE,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1826–28
* Sir JOHN JAMES LORING,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1829–31
* Sir ROBERT LASH,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1832
* Sir EDWARD ASA RAYMOND,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1833–34
* Sir ABRAHAM ANNIS DAME,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1835–36
* Sir JOHN HEWS,	Cambridgeport, Mass.	Boston,	1837–38
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1839–41
* Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1842–44
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1845–46
* † Sir RUEL BAKER,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1847
* Sir JOHN RUFUS BRADFORD,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1848–50
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1851–53
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON,	Lexington, Mass.	De Molay,	1854–55
Sir DANIEL HARWOOD, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1856–57
* Sir WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1858–59
* Sir WILLIAM FIELD,	Providence, R. I.	Holy Sepulchre,	1860–61
* Sir WILLIAM ELLISON,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1862
Sir WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER,	Newton, Mass.	Pilgrim,	1863–64
* Sir Rev. CHARLES HENRY TITUS,	Boston, Mass.	St. John's,	1865–66
Sir WILLIAM WILSON BAKER,	Boston, Mass.	St. Bernard,	1867–68
Sir BENJAMIN DEAN,	Boston, Mass.	St. Omer,	1869–70
Sir NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK,	Providence, R. I.	Calvary,	1871–73
Sir CHARLES A. STOTT,	Lowell, Mass.	Pilgrim,	1874–75
Sir HENRY W. RUGG,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1876–77

Deceased, 19; living, 8.

* Deceased. † Died while in office as Grand Master.

NOTE.—Until and including 1868, the nomenclature was M. E. Grand Master and Grand Encampment, and in 1878, Conclave and Conclaves was adopted in place of Assembly or Assemblies.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir HENRY FOWLE, Boston, Mass. 1818–19
* Sir JOHN CARLILE, Providence, R. I. 1820–24
* Sir PETER GRINNELL, Providence, R. I. 1825–28
* Sir JOSIAH WHITAKER, Providence, R. I. 1829–30
* Sir ROBERT LASH, Boston, Mass. 1831
* Sir THOMAS POWER, Framingham, Mass. 1832
* Sir ABRAHAM ANNIS DAME, Boston, Mass. 1833–34
* Sir JOHN HEWS, Cambridgeport, Mass. 1835–36
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, Boston, Mass. 1837–38
* Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1839–41
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT, Boston, Mass. 1842–44
* Sir RUEL BAKER, Boston, Mass. 1845–46
* Sir JOHN RUFUS BRADFORD, Boston, Mass. 1847
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON, Providence, R. I. 1848–50
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON, Lexington, Mass. 1851–53
Sir DANIEL HARWOOD, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1854–55
* Sir JOHN MCCLELLAN, Boston, Mass. 1856–57
* Sir WILLIAM FIELD, Providence, R. I. 1858–59
* Sir WILLIAM ELLISON, Boston, Mass. 1860–61
‡ Sir 1862
* Sir Rev. CHARLES HENRY TITUS, Boston, Mass. 1863–64
Sir WILLIAM WILSON BAKER, Boston, Mass. 1865–66
Sir BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston, Mass. 1867–68
Sir WILLIAM STEELE SHURTLEFF, Springfield, Mass. 1869–70
Sir CHARLES A. STOTT, Lowell, Mass. 1871–73
Sir HENRY W. RUGG, Providence, R. I. 1874–75
Sir SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, Medford, Mass. 1875–76
Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass. 1876–77

* Deceased, 18; living, 9.

‡ Expelled.

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMOS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir HENRY FOWLE, Boston, Mass.....1805–17
* Sir JOHN CARLILE, Providence, R. I.....1818–19
* Sir PETER GRINNELL, Providence, R. I.....1820–24
* Sir JOHN JAMES LORING, Boston, Mass.....1825–28
* Sir ROBERT LASH, Boston, Mass.....1829–30
* Sir JACOB AMEE, Boston, Mass.....1831
* Sir EDWARD ASA RAYMOND, Boston, Mass.....1832
* Sir JOHN HEWS, Cambridgeport, Mass.....1833–34
Sir GILBERT NURSE, Boston, Mass.....1835
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, Boston, Mass.....1836
* Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1837–38
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT, Boston, Mass.....1839–41
* Sir RUEL BAKER, Boston, Mass.....1842–44
* Sir JAMES SAULSBURY, Providence, R. I.....1845
* Sir JAMES RUFUS BRADFORD, Boston, Mass.....1846
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON, Providence, R. I.....1847
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON, Lexington, Mass.....1848–50
Sir DANIEL HARWOOD, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1851–53
* Sir JOHN MCCLELLAN, Boston, Mass.....1854–55
* Sir CYRUS FISHER, Providence, R. I.....1856
* Sir SAMUEL LEWIS, Providence, R. I.....1857
* Sir CHARLES ROBBINS, Boston, Mass.....1858–59
‡ Sir 1860–61
Sir WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER, Lowell, Mass.....1862
Sir WILLIAM WILSON BAKER, Boston, Mass.....1863–64
Sir THOMAS ARTHUR DOYLE, Providence, R. I.....1865
* † Sir HENRY BUTLER, Providence, R. I.....1866
Sir WILLIAM BULLOCK BLANDING, Providence, R. I.....1867–68
Sir NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK, Providence, R. I.....1869–70
* Sir HORACE DANIELS, Pawtucket, R. I.....1871–73
Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL, Boston, Mass.....1874–75
Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.....1875–76
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH, Providence, R. I.....1876–77

* Deceased, 21; living, 11; † Died while in office.

‡ Expelled.

PAST GRAND CAPTAINS-GENERAL

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

* Sir JONATHAN GAGE, Newburyport, Mass.....1805–14
* Sir JOHN CARLILE, Providence, R. I.....1815–17
* Sir PETER GRINNELL, Providence, R. I.....1818–19
* Sir HENRY PURKITT, Boston, Mass.....1820–24
* Sir JOHN JAMES LORING, Boston, Mass.....1823–24
* Sir JOSIAH WHITAKER, Providence, R. I.....1825–28
* Sir JACOB AMEE, Boston, Mass.....1829–30
* Sir THOMAS POWER, Framingham, Mass.....1831
* Sir ABRAHAM ANNIS DAME, Boston, Mass.....1832
* Sir JOSEPH YOUNG, JR., Newburyport, Mass.....1833
Sir GILBERT NURSE, Boston, Mass.....1834
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, Boston, Mass.....1835
* Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1836
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT, Boston, Mass.....1837–38
* Sir WILLIAM FIELD, Providence, R. I.....1839–41
* Sir BARNEY MERRY, Pawtucket, R. I.....1842–43
* Sir JAMES SAULSBURY, Providence, R. I 1844
* Sir SAMUEL FESSENDEN, Portland, Maine.....1845
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON, Providence, R. I.....1846
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON, Lexington, Mass.....1847
* Sir WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1848–49
* Sir MOSES RICHARDSON, Providence, R. I.....1850
* Sir ASA WOODBURY, Wilkinsonville, Mass.....1851–53
* Sir CYRUS FISHER, Providence, R. I.....1854–55
* Sir JAMES WARHAM CROOKS, Springfield, Mass.....1856
* Sir JOHN BLAKE REED, Pawtucket, R. I.....1857
Sir GEORGE FRANCIS WILSON, Providence, R. I.....1858–59
Sir WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER, Lowell, Mass.....1860–61
* Sir Rev. CHARLES HENRY TITUS, Taunton, Mass.....1862
Sir THOMAS ARTHUR DOYLE, Providence, R. I.....1863–64
Sir BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston, Mass.....1865–66
Sir WILLIAM STEELE SHURTLEFF, Springfield, Mass.....1867–68
Sir CHARLES ADAMS STOTT, Lowell, Mass.....1869–70
Sir HENRY CHICKERING, Pittsfield, Mass.....1871–73
Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.....1874–75
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH, Providence, R. I.....1875–76
Sir GEORGE E. STACY, Milford, Mass.....1876–77

* Deceased, 25; living, 12.

RECAPITULATIONS.

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is composed of

Grand Officers (Sentinel excluded)	16
Past Grand Officers, (permanent members, excluding present Grand Officers)	17
Past Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies (permanent members not included in enumeration of past or present Grand Officers, or present Commanders)	177
Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General of 39 Subordinate Commanderies	117
Total	327
Whole number of Knights affiliated with Subordinate Commanderies, including the above	5,835

MAINE ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE.

CHARTER, MARCH 17, 1821.

PAST COMMANDERS.

(While under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.)

Sir Rev. SOLOMON SIAS,
Sir THOMAS S. BOWLES,
Sir JOSEPH M. GERRISH,
Sir SAMUEL FESSENDEN,

Maine Encampment ceased to be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, October 10, 1849. In 1854, it was removed from Portland to Gardiner, where it is now located.

VILLAGE ENCAMPMENT, GREENWICH, MASS.

CHARTER, JUNE 16, 1825.

PAST COMMANDERS.

* Sir Rev. EZIEKIEL L. BASCOMB, 1825.
Sir Rev. LUCIUS R. PAGE, D. D., 1826.
* Sir JOHN WARNER, 1827.
* Sir Rev. JOSHUA FLAGG, 1828.

The last recorded Assembly of this Encampment was held April 14, 1829. Its Charter was declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Encampment, at a Special Assembly, held February 28, 1838. The records were finally restored to the Grand Recorder November 13, 1876, and are now in the Archives of the Grand Commandery.

OF SUBORDINATE

NAME OF COMMANDERY.	DATE OF CHARTER.	REGULAR ASSEMBLIES.	E. COMMANDERS.
Saint John's	March 7, 1805	1st Monday each month	Newton D. Arnold
Boston	March 3, 1806	3d Wednesday each month	James H. Upham
Newburyport	May 12, 1808	3d Thursday " "	John N. Pike
Washington	June 7, 1814	3d Wednesday " "	Robert S. Franklin
Worcester County	Dec. 17, 1824	1st Thursday " "	David F. Parker
Springfield	June 19, 1826	1st Monday " "	E. P. Chapin
De Molay	Oct. 10, 1848	4th Wednesday " "	Joseph B. Mason
Holy Sepulchre	Sept. 25, 1849	Friday on or before full moon	Henry A. Pierce
Pilgrim	Oct. 10, 1855	Wednesday after full moon	C. C. Hutchinson
Palestine	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wednesday each month	James Donaghy
Milford	Oct. 28, 1859	4th Monday " "	Thomas C. Eastman
Saint Bernard	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wednesday " "	William W. McKim
Calvary	May 22, 1860	1st Tuesday " "	Samuel G. Stiness
Haverhill	May 13, 1863	2d Tuesday " "	Dexter B. Vickery
Old Colony	Oct. 26, 1863	Monday after full moon	William H. Maine
Sutton	May 5, 1864	1st Thursday each month	Henry Field, Jr
Bethany	Oct. 28, 1864	Last Tuesday " "	Thomas Leyland
Winslow Lewis	June 27, 1865	3d Thursday " "	John B. Hill
Jerusalem	May 5, 1865	3d Thursday " "	George V. Barrett
Hugh de Payens	March 27, 1865	2d Wednesday " "	James Swords
Saint Omer	Oct. 27, 1865	2d Monday " "	Francis E. Hersey
Berkshire	Dec. 22, 1865	2d Monday " "	Henry Chickering
Woonsocket	Jan. 31, 1867	2d Tuesday " "	S. N. Lougee, Jr
Connecticut Valley	Dec. 22, 1866	1st Tuesday " "	Marvin S. Fellows
Godfrey de Bouillon	May 29, 1868	3d Wednesday " "	Alfred H. Hartley
Joseph Warren	Jan. 1, 1869	1st Monday " "	Charles Harris
Narragansett	May —, 1869	2d Monday " "	Robert F. Latimer
William Parkman	May 12, 1870	2d Thursday " "	William Waters, Jr.
Bristol	May 28, 1870	Friday on or before full moon	Thomas G. Sandland
Northampton	June 2, 1870	2d Monday each month	Luke Lyman
South Shore	June 9, 1870	Monday on or before full moon	William Humphrey
Natick	April 12, 1871	1st Monday each month	William H. Wright
Cœur de Lion	Oct. 14, 1871	3d Tuesday " "	Caleb Rand
Trinity	April 8, 1871	Thursday on or before full moon	W. E. C. Worcester
Gethsemane	May 20, 1872	3d Monday each month	Henry C. Hayden
Olivet	March 13, 1873	1st Wednesday each month	Nathan B. Fletcher
Athol	June 7, 1873	1st Wednesday " "	James H. Waite
Bay State	Sept. 13, 1873	1st Monday " "	Baalis Sanford, Jr.
"	Oct. 31, 1873	4th Tuesday " "	Henry C. Chamberlain

COMMANDERIES.

GENERALISSIMOS.	CAPTAINS-GENERAL.	RECORDERS.	LOCATION.
Walter B. Vincent.....	William E. Husband .	William R. Greene...	Providence, R. I.
J. F. Lotts.....	John L. Stevenson. ..	Zeph. H. Thomas, Jr.	Boston, Mass.
Moses H. Fowler.....	Warren Currier.... ..	George H. Stevens....	Newburyport, Mass.
William G. Stevens.....	Henry Bull, Jr..... ...	Frank H. Wilks.....	Newport, R. I.
Robert H. Chamberlain	R. J. Tatman....	Daniel Seagrave.....	Worcester, Mass.
W. E. Granger.....	H. C. Lee....	O. K. Merrill..	Springfield, Mass.
John W. Fairbanks....	E. G. Stevens....	George Phippen, Jr ..	Boston, Mass.
George A. Sweet.....	Stephen R. Bucklin ..	Osmond H. Briggs....	Pawtucket, R. I.
C. E. A. Bartlett.... ...	H. Hosford.....	J. W. B. Shaw.... ...	Lowell, Mass.
James N. Greenwood ..	William Robinson....	Charles S. Beatley....	Chelsea, Mass.
Julius M. Woods.....	Daniel Reed...	Lewis Fales..... ..	Milford, Mass.
George F. Hurd.....	Charles T. Randall...	Richard Briggs.....	Boston, Mass.
C. D. Sellew....	H. K. Blanchard.	Edwin Baker.....	Providence, R. I.
Charles T. Chase.....	C. S. Chase.....	Walter S. Goodell....	Haverhill, Mass.
Silas B. Dickerman.....	Frederick S. Strong..	Erastus M. Nash.....	Abington, Mass.
James Taylor	C. H. Sanford.....	H. W. Emerson.....	New Bedford, Mass.
George F. Talbot.....	S. M. Decker	William A. Barrell...	Lawrence, Mass.
Thomas H. Johnson....	Nathaniel Shatswell..	Henry A. Brown... .	Salem, Mass.
David A. Corey.....	Eli Culley.....	Charles A. Morgan...	Fitchburg, Mass.
Rev. E. B. Fairchild....	John Viall.....	Daniel D. Devereux..	Melrose, Mass.
W. H. H. Soule.....	Jerome Smith.....	Alban S. Green.....	South Boston, Mass.
George C. Dunham.....	Clark F. Hall.....	Theo. L. Allen..... ...	Pittsfield, Mass.
A. W. Colwell.....	A. A. Pevey..... ...	Samuel P. Cook.....	Woonsocket, R. I.
Charles Keith....	George Pierce, Jr.. ..	Charles P. Forbes....	Greenfield, Mass.
Albert F. Dow.....	Thomas F. Vickery...	Edward F. Lucas.....	Fall River, Mass.
Solomon A. Bolster....	G. R. Emerson.....	L. B. Dutton.....	Boston Highlands, Mass.
Alva A. Crandall.....	James F. Pendleton..	Frank W. Holmes....	Westerly, R. I.
Philander Nutter.....	Wesley Gove.	James B. Ditmars....	East Boston, Mass.
Arthur E. Codding.....	C. E. Smith.....	James A. Codding....	North Attleboro', Mass.
William C. Pomeroy....	Stephen B. Fuller....	Vernet E. Cleveland..	Northampton, Mass.
William S. Wallace.....	James H. Clapp.....	Charles N. Marsh	East Weymouth, Mass.
George J. Townsend ...	Samuel O. Daniels....	Charles M. Gleason...	Natick, Mass.
Howard F. Rowe.....	J. W. Hill.....	J. W. Linnell.....	Boston, Mass.
Julius A. Clisbee.....	J. T. Joslin....	John F. Cotting.....	Hudson, Mass.
Moses Clark, Jr.....	James B. Fuller.....	E. O. Childs.....	Newtonville, Mass.
George H. Allen.....	Ephraim A. Ingalls...	William B. Phillips...	Lynn, Mass.
H. C. Tenney	Amos Lock....	L. E. Brooks.....	Athol, Mass.
H. H. Packard.....	A. T. Jones.....	H. Herbert Howard ..	Brockton, Mass.
Henry S. Bunton.....	George F. Lincoln....	George H. Butler.....	Hyde Park, Mass.

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS,

Living and Entitled to Vote in Grand Commandery.

St. John's Commandery.

Oliver Johnson, Providence, R. I.
Daniel Rounds, Jr., Norfolk, Mass.
Stillman White, Providence, R. I.
† Samuel S. Ginnodo,
A. Crawford Greene, Prov., R. I.
Spencer P. Read, " "
James H. Allen, " "
* Henry W. Rugg, " "
Albert H. Cushman, " "
Robert E. Dwelley, " "
William Jackson, " "
* Thomas A. Doyle, " "
Geo. H Burnham, " "

Boston Commandery.

* Gilbert Nurse, Pepperell, Mass.
* Dan'l Harwood, Dorchester, Mass.
John K. Hall, E. Somerville, "
* Wyzeman Marshall, Boston, "
Chas. C. Dame, Newburyport, "
Chas. E. Powers, Boston, "
William Sayward, Dorchester, "
Henry Endicott, Cambridgeport, "
* Sam'l C. Lawrence, Medford, "
* Samuel Mason, Jr., Boston, "

Newburyport Commandery.

John N. Pike, Newburyport, Mass.

Washington Commandery.

Nathan H. Gould, San Antonia, Tex.
John Eldred, Newport, R. I.
Wm. J. Underwood, Newport, R. I.
David Stevens, " "
William Gilpin, " "

Worcester County Commandery.

Geo. W. Bentley, N. London, Ct.
Henry Goddard, Worcester, Mass.
* John Dean, " "
* T. E. St. John, " "
Henry C. Wadsworth, " "

Springfield Commandery.

Ocran Dickerson, Springfield, Mass.
* Wm. S. Shurtleff, " "
Albert H. Kirkham, " "
Wm. R. Ladd, Holyoke, "
Daniel Reynolds, Springfield, "
Albert H. Foth, " "
Samuel B. Spooner, " "
George W. Ray, " "
Peter S. Bailey, " "
H. H. Banks, " "

De Molay Commandery.

T. R. Lambert, Charlestown, Mass.
Clement A. Walker, S. Boston, "
* William Parkman, Boston, "
William F. Davis, " "
John W. Dadmun, " "
Marlborough Williams, " "
John M. Clark, " "
Charles B. Lancaster, " "

Holy Sepulchre Commandery.

* † James Hutchison, Providence.
C. B. Farnsworth, Pawtucket, R. I.
Sylvanus Clapp, " "
Bela P. Clapp, " "
* Edward L. Freeman, " "
J. Sewall Read, " "

* Represented in Past or Present Grand Officers.

† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

Pilgrim Commandery.

* Wm. S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Joseph Bedlow, Lowell, "
William F. Salmon, " "
Samuel D. Sergeant, " "
* Charles A. Stott, " "
Hocum Hosford, " "
Chas. E. A. Bartlett. " "
Chas. C. Hutchinson, " "
John M. Pevey, " "

Palestine Commandery.

* Charles M. Avery, Chelsea, Mass.
Tracy P. Cheever, " "
Geo. H. Marden, Charlestown, "
C. F. Haynes, Blue Earth City, Min.
Daniel E. Chase, Somerville, Mass.
Charles T. Gay. Chelsea, "
William D. Seely, " "
John C. Hall, " "

Milford Commandery.

Geo. E. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
Edw. F. Whiting, Holliston, Mass.
W. H. Phipps, S. Framingham, "
* George E. Stacy, Milford, "
Leonard Fairbanks, " "
Sullivan C. Sumner, " "
Sam'l A. Fisher, Davenport, Iowa.
Silas W. Hale, Milford, Mass.
James M. Woods, " "

St. Bernard Commandery.

* William W. Baker, Boston, Mass.
P. Adams Ames, San Francisco, Cal.
Henry Mulliken, Boston, Mass.
F. Lyman Winship, " "
Charles A. Welch, " "
Samuel Wells, " "
Otis E. Weld, " "
John Kent, " "

Calvary Commandery.

* † Thomas A. Doyle, Prov., R. I.
Levi L. Webster, " "
* William B. Blanding, " "
Edwin J. Nightingale, " "
Charles R. Dennis, " "
† * J. M. Pendleton, Westerly, "
Thomas Phillips, Jr., Prov., "
* Nelson W. Aldrich, " "
Henry C. Field, " "
John P. Luther, " "
Isaac H. Saunders, " "
Eugene D. Burt, " "
Charles R. Brayton, " "
Charles B. Webster, New York.

Haverhill Mass.

James E. Gale,
Carlos P. Messer,
Nathan S. Kimball.

Old Colony Commandery.

W. W. Whitmarsh, Neponset, Mass.
Samuel B. Thaxter, Abington, "
† Z. L. Bicknell, E. Weymouth, "
S. S. Bradford, Plymouth, "
Amos S. Stetson, S. Abington, "

Sutton Commandery.

John B. Baylies, N. Bedford, Mass.
A. H. W. Carpenter, " "
John A. Lee, " "
A. H. Howland, Jr., " "
* Gardner T. Sanford, " "

Bethany Commandery.

Wm. H. Jaquith, Lawrence, Mass.
D. Frank Robinson, " "
* Caleb Saunders, " "
John Haigh, Somerville, "
G. M. Stoddard, Lawrence, "

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† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

Winslow Lewis Commandery.

William Sutton, Salem, Mass.
George H. Peirson, " "

Jerusalem Commandery.

* E. Dana Bancroft, Ayer, Mass.
John Burney, Fitchburg, "
S. W. Huntley, " "
A. L. Fessenden, Townsend, Mass.
John W. Kimball, Fitchburg, "

Hugh de Payens Commandery.

Loring L. Fuller, Malden, Mass.
F. J. Foss, " "
J. B. Norton, Charlestown, Mass.
Thomas Winship, Wakefield, "
J. D. Parker, Malden, "
Smith B. Harrington, Medford, "

St. Omer Commandery.

* Benj. Dean, So. Boston, Mass.
† N. A. Apolonio, " "
Charles H. White, " "
E. H. Brainard, So. Boston, "
Benjamin Pope, Boston, "
Frank C. Hersey, " "

Berkshire Commandery.

* Henry Chickering, Pittsfield, Mass.
Hezekiah S. Russell, " "
William D. Axtell, " "
Truman E. Cole, New York.

Woonsocket Commandery.

Emerson Goddard, Woons'ket, R. I.
Ira W. Arnold, " "
Stafford W. Razee, Providence, "
F. G. Jillson, Woonsocket, "
Moses P. Roberts, Woonsocket, R. I
Walter E. Parker, " "
L. C. Tourtellott, " "
Edward Aldrich, " "

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

Rev. Peter V. Finch,
Wm. S. Severance, Greenfield, Mass.
C. E. Severance, Shelburne Falls.
B. S. Parker, Greenfield, Mass.

Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery.

Robert Henry, Fall River, Mass.
Robert C. Brown, " "
Stephen W. Butler, " "
John B. Whittaker, " "
Geo. A. Ballard, " "
Charles E. Gifford, " "

Joseph Warren Commandery.

James C. Tucker, Boston, Mass.
Samuel Little, " "
George Moulton, " "
John F. Newton, " "
Charles Harris, " "

Narragansett Commandery.

* Jas. M. Pendleton, Westerly, R. I.
George G. Stillman, " "
Azro N. Lewis, " "
J. Alonzo Babcock, " "

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* Represented in Past and Present Grand Officers.

† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

William Parkman Commandery.

Seth C. Ames, E. Boston, Mass.
Albert B. Barrett, Portland, Me.
William J. Ellis, E. Boston, Mass.
Erastus H. Doolittle, " "
William Waters, Jr. " "

Bristol Commandery.

Chas. E. Smith. N. Attleboro', Mass.
Samuel S. Ginnodo, " "
John L. Kendall, New York.
Daniel H. Smith, Attleboro', Mass.
Jacob Silloway, Jr., Canton, "

Northampton Commandery.

D. W. Crafts, Northampton, Mass.
Josiah H. Prindle, " "
Jos. C. Williams, " "

South Shore Commandery.

Z. L. Bicknell, E. Weymouth, Mass.
George W. Fay, " "

Natick Commandery.

James H. Parker, Natick, Mass.
Wm. H. Wright, " "

Cœur de Lion Commandery.

* William H. Kent, Boston, Mass.
William Patterson, Chelsea, "
John B. Wilson, Boston, "

Trinity Commandery.

N. S. Chamberlain, Marlboro, Mass.
Jas. L. Harriman, Hudson, Mass.

Gethsemane Commandery.

Jas. M. Greenwood, Boston, Mass.
Robert L. Davis, Watertown, "
W. W. Keith, Newtonville, "

Olivet Commandery.

* William D. Pool, Lynn, Mass.
John Shaw, 2d, " "

Athol Commandery.

† Vernon O. Taylor, Lowell, Mass.
C. L. Sawyer, Athol, " "

Bay State Commandery.

Edward Parker.

Cyprus Commandery.

Gamaliel Hodges, Boston, Mass.
H. C. Chamberlain, Hyde Park.

Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D. D., Cambridgeport, Mass., in 1826.

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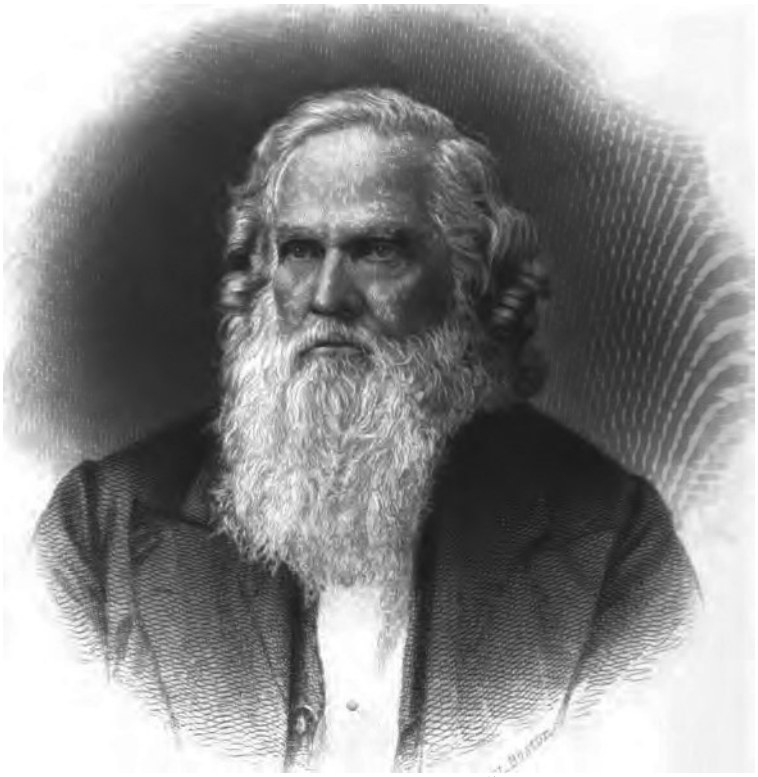

Abraham A. Dame

Abraham Annis Dame.

Born in Orford, New Hampshire, on the 27th day of August, 1792, Abraham Annis Dame grew into a well proportioned manhood, of conspicuous and impressive figure, fully six feet in height, whose head was covered by a wealth of hair, which in his extreme age became to him a "crown of glory," whose thickness was as exceptional, as was its silky fineness, and the purity of its clear and snowy color.

Of respectable parentage and good natural abilities, he acquired a liberal education, and early inclined to the profession of the law. After a year's reading in his native State, he removed to Boston, Mass., in February, 1814, where he read two years with Timothy Bigelow, afterwards Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, and from whose office he was admitted to the bar in Concord, Mass., in March, 1816. It was Mr. Bigelow's choice that all his students should be admitted in Middlesex County, because of some real or fancied slight put upon him by certain leaders at the Suffolk Bar, and this he adhered to in the case of Mr. Dame, of whom he entertained a high opinion, and whom he frequently took occasion to advise and befriend.

Following the admission of his student with his favor, Mr. Bigelow at once recommended him as a proper person to be qualified as a Justice of the Peace, and in May, 1816, Abraham A. Dame, Esq., was enrolled as one of the justices of the Commonwealth, and the functions belonging thereto, he exercised through life.

It may here be noted, that a son of Timothy Bigelow, the Hon. John Bigelow, afterwards Mayor of the city of Boston, read law in the office of his father's pupil.

It is possible that his associations with Mr. Bigelow inclined him to think favorably of Freemasonry—certain it is that he

early applied for the degrees, and received them in Massachusetts Lodge, in Boston, on the evenings of March 27th, April 8th and 24th, 1818, respectively; and from this time forward he was distinguished among the Craft.

On the 3d day of December, 1823, he was elected Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and re-elected to the office December 4th, 1824,—and was always remarkable for his accuracy in the ritual, it being known as the Old York, or York Ritual, and quite different in its construction from the later or present one. Adhering to the Lodge and always jealous of its interests, he experienced the fury of anti-masonry, felt its spite, but turning away from its wrath, he again stepped into line, and served the Lodge for a second term of two years, as Master, commencing with December 3d, 1843. In this Lodge, too, he may be regarded as one of the founders of its Charity Fund, and was for many years a Trustee. His last public appearance in the Lodge for official purpose, was on May 12th, 1870, when he read the charter, at its Centennial celebration.

In the M. W. Grand Lodge, he was Junior Grand Warden in 1828, Senior Grand Warden in 1829–31, and Deputy Grand Master in 1832–33.

He was exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason in St. Paul's Chapter, in Boston, February 17th, 1819, two months after that body was organized, served it as Scribe in 1820, again in 1840, and again in 1853. In 1821, and again in 1841, he was King, and was High Priest in 1822–23, and also in 1842–43. He became an Honorary Member by operation of the By-Laws, a reward bestowed for twenty-five years continuous membership. At the time of his death he was the oldest living member of the Chapter.

He first appeared in the list of officers in the Grand Chapter, as Grand R. A. Captain, June 24th, 1823, and was elected Grand Treasurer, September 9th of that year; which office he continued to hold until September, 1844, and was elected subsequently to permanent membership.

He was admitted to Boston Council of R. and S. Masters, July 27th, 1819, and to Honorary Membership, March 15th, 1855,—and at his death was, by seven years, its oldest living member. He also presided over it from 1825 to 1829.

He was chosen chairman of the second meeting or convention, held in Boston, June 15th, 1826, which adopted a Constitution, and organized the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters—he was also elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, served with ability, and notably so in the anti-masonic period—when he, as well as the heads of other Masonic Grand Bodies were catechised without effect by that party.

The Orders of Knighthood in Templar Masonry were conferred upon him in Boston Encampment, he being created and dubbed a Knight Templar, February 13th, 1822, served as Junior Warden under Henry Fowle, and was elected Eminent Commander, 1827–30. He was elected an Honorary Member of that body in September, 1855.

In the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, he was Grand Captain-General one year, Deputy Grand Master two years, and M. E. Grand Master in 1835–36.

His interest in Masonry seemed to be as broad as the institution itself. It appears that on February 16th, 1825, the Southern Supreme Council granted a charter to Abraham A. Dame and eight others, all of Boston, to form a "Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and for the Consistory of S. P. R. S., at Boston," (the jurisdiction of the Northern and Southern Councils does not appear to have been defined until March, 1828,) and from that organization sprang Boston Grand Lodge of Perfection.

The name of Abraham A. Dame was on the original charter granted by the Grand Council referred to, and dated January 21st, 1842; this charter was signed by him as Most Equitable Grand Sovereign Rose ✠ K. H., Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret, and duly attested.

After the Lodge became dormant in 1856, Ill. Bro. Dame was not associated actively with it, but after the union of the two Councils in the Northern jurisdiction in 1869, he renewed his oath of fealty to the Supreme Council, as reported in proceedings of that year, and in 1870 was gazetted in the Balustre of Honorary 33°.

Under date of June 2d, 1830, certain resolutions adopted by the Anti-Masonic Convention held in Fanueil Hall in January of that year, were enclosed to Joseph Jenkins, Samuel Clark,

Abraham A. Dame and John J. Loring, then presiding over the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Encampment, respectively, making certain charges, and asking among other things, that they disfellowship the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, and the Grand Encampment of New York—"because of the alleged truth of those charges," and it was reported by the Assistant Secretary of the Anti-Masonic State Committee, "but from neither of these has any answer been received." It may be, that the answer suggested to the minds of these brethren was embraced in a statement made to Brother Dame some years after, by an honorary member of that convention, and one who was conspicuous in Massachusetts, as well as in Rhode Island for his anti-masonic conduct.

On the Saturday preceding his death, Brother Dame told the maker of this sketch that Benjamin F. Hallett desired to be made a Mason, and said that he "was satisfied of his folly," and asked if he could get the degrees. As might be expected, the answer given was "No," and that settled it.

Brother Dame was a life-long resident of the "West End" in Boston. He resided for a time on Allen street, but on May 5th, 1824, he purchased a commodious house on Poplar street, in which he ever after remained, except, for a period of three years, when he had a son (since deceased) in Harvard College, and during that time he lived in Cambridge, though by his wife's request, he maintained his house in Boston, in the care of a housekeeper.

During all this period of over sixty years, he was actively engaged in the practice of the law, was familiar with its details, and cognizant of the decisions of courts, which he readily distinguished from the dictums of judges. He had varying financial success, but acquired sufficient to relieve him from any pecuniary need in his declining years.

His business interests were frequently subordinated to those of Masonry, in which for over sixty years, he made friends, exhibited fidelity, adhered to principle, and though he outlived his generation, dying on November 14th, 1878, yet that which succeeds him has respected and honored him, as was sufficiently attested at the ceremonies attending his funeral, and by the many Masonic and other friends who followed his remains to their rest in Mount Auburn.

Constitution of the Grand Commandery

OF

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS,

OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

AS AMENDED OCTOBER 30, 1878.

ARTICLE I.—GRAND COMMANDERY.

STYLE AND TITLE.

SECTION 1.—The style and title of this body is "The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island."

JURISDICTION.

SEC. 2.—Its jurisdiction extends over the territorial limits of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

POWERS.

SEC. 3.—In it alone is vested the right and duty, which it cannot delegate, to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction.

It has exclusive power to grant Dispensations and Warrants for forming and opening commanderies of the above Orders, within this jurisdiction, and to extend or revoke the same.

It enacts statutes and issues edicts, and amends and repeals the same.

It censures, suspends, and erases counsels and commanderies, and holds any of their members amenable for any violation or neglect of its statutes and edicts, and has supreme authority, throughout this jurisdiction, in all matters pertaining to Templar Masonry, subject only to the ancient landmarks of the Order, and the Grand Encampment of the United States.

MEMBERS.

SEC. 4.—It shall consist of a Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain-General, Grand Prelate, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Standard-Bearer, Grand Sword-Bearer, Grand Warder, Grand Captain of the Guards, — *ex-officiis*; of all Past Grand Commanders and Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Commanders and Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Generalissimos, and Past Grand Captains-General of this body, so long as they remain members of commanderies under this jurisdiction; of the Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General, for the time being, of all subordinate commanderies under this jurisdiction; and of all Past Commanders of such subordinates, so long as they are members of commanderies under this jurisdiction, each of whom shall be entitled, when present, to one vote and no more, except as proxy.

A permanent member has but one vote in his own right as such, and but two in any case.

ATTENDANCE AND PROXIES.

SEC. 5.—Each of the officers named in the preceding section, save and except Past Commanders, being unable to attend the conclaves in person, shall have the power to appoint a proxy, who shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of his constituent, except that of taking his rank in Grand Commandery.

Such proxy must, at the time of his service, be a member of *the same subordinate commandery as his principal*, and a templar of not less than three years' standing, and must present a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

The R. E. Grand Commander, immediately after his installation, shall appoint a committee of three members as a standing Committee on Credentials, for the year ensuing, whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report to the commandery as early as may be at every conclave, who are entitled to seats therein; also a committee of three members, who shall be styled a Committee on Printing, whose duty it shall be to supervise the printing of the proceedings, and shall have authority to decide what shall be printed therein, and the Grand Recorder shall act under the advice and direction of said committee in all matters of printing; also a committee of three members to be styled a Committee on By-Laws, who shall take into consideration and report upon all By-Laws of subordinate bodies which may be referred to them by the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander.

OFFICERS, ELECTION, AND TITLES.

SEC. 6.—The first nine officers shall be chosen by written ballot; the others, together with a Grand Sentinel, by appointment of the Grand Commander.

No knight is eligible to any office in this Grand Commandery, unless he be a member of some subordinate commandery, and a templar of not less than three years' standing.

The officers thus chosen shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and installed. The title of the Grand Commander is "RIGHT EMINENT;" that of Deputy Grand Commander, "VERY EMINENT;" of the other Grand Officers, "EMINENT."

CONCLAVES.

SEC. 7.—This Grand Commandery shall hold a regular conclave in October and May of each year, at such time and place as the presiding officer shall appoint, — in October, for the election of officers and the transaction of the annual business; and in May, for the exemplification of the work and ritual, the transaction of such special business as shall be presented and the consideration of such matters as pertain to the general good of the order.

Special conclaves may be held at the pleasure of the presiding officer; but no business shall be transacted at a special conclave, save that which was specified in the original notice.

PREROGATIVES AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 8.—The Grand Commander shall have a watchful supervision over all the subordinate commanderies, and see that all the constitutional enactments, rules and edicts, of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and of this Grand Commandery, are duly and promptly obeyed.

The Grand Commander and Deputy Grand Commander, at their pleasure, visit and preside in any subordinate commandery, and give such instruction and direction in

the work and ritual as the good of the order may require, always conforming to the ancient landmarks and this Grand Constitution. The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the death, removal or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Commander.

It is the duty of the Grand Commander, in person or by one of his council, to visit and examine every subordinate commandery under Dispensation once in three months, and every chartered commandery annually, and cause a report of the same to be made at the annual conclave of this Grand Commandery: *provided, however*, that when in the judgment of the Grand Commander the interest of the institution will be promoted thereby, he may designate one of the Grand Lecturers to make such visit and report to him.

It is the duty of the Grand Treasurer to report to the Grand Commander or presiding officer, whenever and as often as there shall be a surplus of one hundred dollars in the treasury, not subject to any appropriation already made; and to invest the same by and with the advice of the first two officers.

It is the duty of the Grand Recorder, annually to communicate to the Grand Recorders of all State Grand Commanderies, and to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, a list of all the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery, and all such other matters as the Right Eminent Grand Commander shall deem to be for the general good of the Order, or useful for their information.

The other duties of the above officers, and the duties of the other officers are such as are traditionally appropriate to their offices, and such as may be required of them by this Grand Commandery and the Grand Commander.

NEW COMMANDERIES.

SEC. 9.—Dispensations for forming and opening new commanderies, upon the petition of not less than nine Knight Templars residing within the jurisdiction, may be issued by the Grand Commander during the recess of the Grand Commandery only. Dispensations so issued to be of force only until the next stated conclave of this body, unless continued by vote thereof; *provided, however*, that no dispensation shall be issued without the consent of the commandery nearest to the place where the new one is to be located; and, if in that town or city there is more than one, the consent of all shall be obtained.

Charters shall be granted by vote of the Grand Commandery alone, and at a stated conclave.

A Commandery formed within this jurisdiction, without a dispensation or charter, as above provided, shall be deemed illegal; and all communication between Commanderies under this jurisdiction, and the members of such illegal ones, is hereby strictly forbidden.

FEES FOR DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

SEC. 10.—The fees for a Dispensation are forty dollars to the Grand Commandery, and three dollars to the Grand Recorder; and, for a Charter, sixty dollars to the Grand Commandery, and seven dollars to the Grand Recorder; and, for a charter without a previous Dispensation, one hundred dollars to the Grand Commandery, and ten dollars to the Grand Recorder. In no case shall a dispensation or Charter be issued, until the required fees shall have been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

GRAND FUND.

SEC. 11.—One-tenth of the unincumbered funds of this body, at its Annual Conclave in October, 1859, and one-

tenth of its present and future income, shall be set apart, and shall form a "Grand Fund;" the interest only of which shall be expended, for charitable and other purposes, at the discretion of this Grand Body; *provided, however,* that no portion of the interest shall be expended for any purpose whatever, until the principal shall amount to five thousand dollars. The unexpended income of the fund, and all donations to the same, shall be annually added to the principal. Until this fund shall amount to five thousand dollars, it shall not be in knightly faith to diminish the rate of increase as provided above.

The Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder, shall be a committee to be styled "The Grand Fund Committee," whose duty it shall be to attend to the safe and profitable investment of this fund. They shall also make a detailed report in writing of its condition at the Annual Conclave in October. A failure so to do shall render them ineligible to re-election for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II.—SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 1.—Every subordinate commandery shall consist of a Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General, Prelate, Senior Warder, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Recorder, Standard-Bearer, Sword-Bearer, and Warder, and such other officers and members as may be found convenient.

BY-LAWS.

SEC. 2.—No by-law of any subordinate body shall be valid until the same shall be approved by the Grand Commandery.

CONCLAVES.

SEC. 3.—Every subordinate commandery shall hold a conclave at least quarterly for improvement and business.

JURISDICTION.

SEC. 4.—Every subordinate commandery shall have exclusive jurisdiction in receiving applications for, and conferring the orders of Knighthood over, all territory lying nearer the usual travelled routes to its place of conclave, than to that of any other commandery; *provided*, that any commandery may waive this jurisdiction in favor of any person desirous to apply to any other commandery.

OFFICERS: ELECTION AND DUTIES.

SEC. 5.—The first eight officers shall be elected by written ballot; the others may be appointed by the Commander at the pleasure of the Commandery. The officers thus chosen shall serve until their successors shall have been duly elected or appointed, and installed. The title of the Commander is "EMINENT." The Commander of a subordinate commandery has it in special charge to see that the by-laws of his commandery and this Grand Constitution are duly observed; that accurate records are kept, and just accounts rendered; that regular returns to this Grand Commandery are made annually; and that the annual dues are promptly paid. He calls special conclaves of his Commandery at pleasure; and it is his duty, with his Generalissimo and Captain-General, to attend all conclaves of this Grand Commandery.

The duties of the other officers are such as are traditionally appropriate, and such as may be assigned them by the Commandery or the Commander.

OBLIGATION.

SEC. 6.—The officers of every subordinate commandery before installation, and every candidate upon admission, shall take the following obligation, viz.: "I —— ——, do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America."

ANNUAL RETURNS.

SEC. 7.—Every subordinate commandery shall make a return to the Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery, on or before the tenth day of October, annually, of the roll of its officers and members, of all candidates for the Orders, accepted or rejected; and shall pay to this Grand Commandery four dollars for every Knight created, and an annual fee of five dollars.

ORDERS, FEES, AND RULE OF SUCCESSION.

SEC. 8.—No subordinate commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than thirty dollars, nor on any person who shall not have regularly received the several degrees of E. A., F. C., M. M., M. M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A. M.; and no candidate for the Orders shall be balloted for, until he shall have stood proposed at least four weeks, unless by written permission of the R. E. Grand Commander. If a candidate be rejected, no new petition for the Orders shall be presented until after the expiration of four months from the time of such rejection, The Orders shall be conferred in the following succession. viz.: 1. KNIGHT OF THE RED CROSS; 2. KNIGHT TEMPLAR; 3. KNIGHT OF MALTA.

SEC. 9.—The petition of any and every candidate for the orders in any commandery under this jurisdiction shall be made in the following form, and signed by the applicant:

To the Eminent Commander and members of.....Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant orders of.....

The subscriber, a Companion Royal Arch Mason, is desirous, if found worthy, to be admitted to the Orders of Knighthood in your commandery.

Residence.....Age.....

Occupation.....

When and in what Lodge made a Master Mason.....

When in and what Chapter exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason.....

Of what Lodge now a member.....

Of what Chapter now a member.....

I am a believer in the Christian religion.....

I have.....before applied for these orders of Knighthood.

(SIGNED)

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(DATE)

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RECOMMENDATION.

I.....a member of.....

Commandery aforesaid, hereby recommend said Companion.....

.....for admission to the Orders of Knighthood.

(SIGNED)

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Sec. 10.—If it shall appear that the applicant has before applied for the Orders in any commandery other than the one to which he now applies, it shall not be competent for the commandery to act upon the application unless it be accompanied by the written consent of such commandery duly attested, if within our jurisdiction; and if without our jurisdiction, the consent in writing of the Grand Commander of the State in which such commandery shall be situated.

SOJOURNERS.

SEC. 11. It is not regular for a subordinate commandery to confer the Orders of Knighthood upon any sojourner from any State or place in which there is a commandery regularly established, except by consent of the commandery having jurisdiction. Any commandery which violates this regulation shall be subject to knightly discipline, and be required to pay, on demand, to the commandery having jurisdiction, the amount of fees received.

Any commandery may, however, take cognizance of the conduct of sojourning Knights.

QUESTIONS.

SEC. 12.—In every conclave of Knights, all questions, except of the admission of candidates and members, and of matters specially reserved by the by-laws, shall be decided by a majority vote—the presiding officer, if a member, being entitled to one vote, and, in case of a tie, to the casting vote.

COSTUME.

SEC. 13.—The costume of this Grand Commandery and its subordinates is such as is, from time to time, approved by this Grand Body.

OPENING AND CLOSING.

SEC. 14.—All councils and commanderies should be opened and closed in due and ancient form; and commanderies with devotion.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 15.—This Grand Constitution may be altered or amended by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any Annual Conclave in October.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND COMMANDER, - - - JOHN DEAN,
WORCESTER, MASS.

GRAND RECORDER, - - ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
223 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MASS.